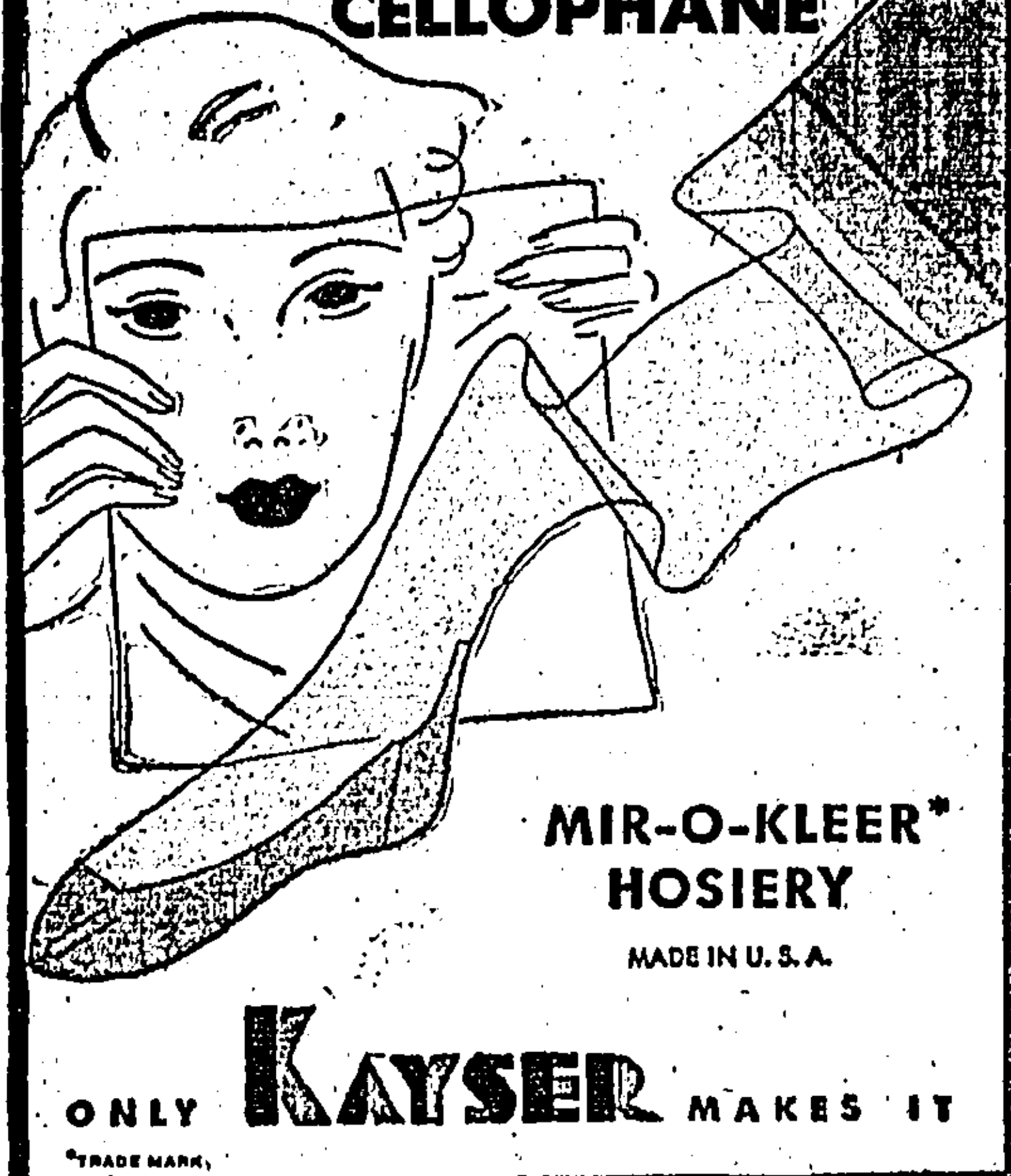


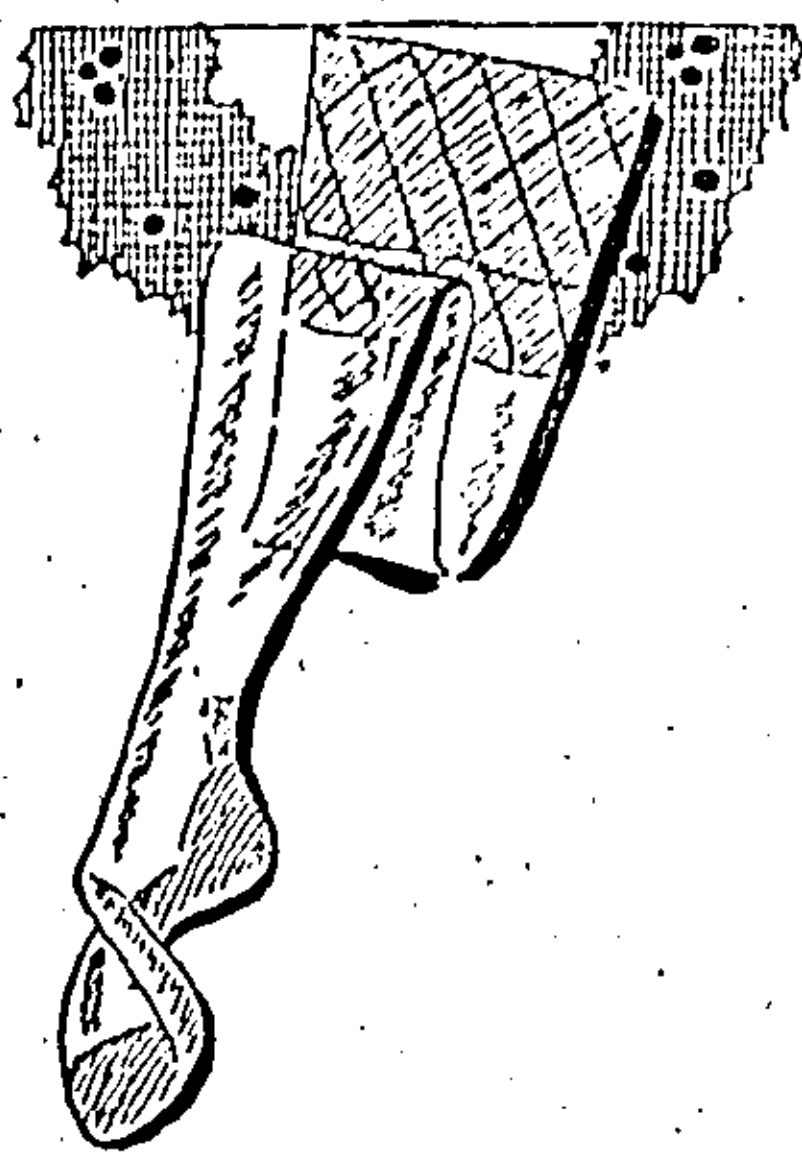
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Hopes For Naval Accord In London Are Slowly Dwindling

BASIC ISSUES ARE TOO GREAT

The world's attention is being turned from the battlefields of Ethiopia to the green table in Clarence House, London, where the delegates of five great powers have assembled for the naval conference. In the following, final article of a series of six, the *Telegraph* reviews some of the basic issues facing the conference.

At the very moment when Japan is consolidating her improved position in Northern China, as a result of which the western countries feel their own foothold in China slipping, the prospect of an entente between the United States and Britain, regarded as an effective means to restrain Japanese expansion, is dwindling.

Even during the 1934 naval parleys in London, observers noted the marked reluctance of the United States to enter a naval pact with Britain. Experts hold that the present is much less propitious for Anglo-United States naval collaboration.

HONGKONG'S REDUCED POWER

They point out that Britain's preoccupation with the Mediterranean problem and the reindorsement of the German navy are bound to reduce British naval effectiveness in the Far East and would thus throw upon the United States a heavy proportionate share and risk of defending western interests in the western Pacific.

These considerations, even though unexpressed, will be uppermost in the minds of leading delegates to-day as they take their seats at the table of the naval conference.

They may recall that during last year's conversations, a plan was at least privately ventilated whereby the United States and Britain would agree to refrain from naval building against each other—though such an accord, as envisaged, would contain an "escape clause" allowing each to increase its fleet in ratio to possible Japanese naval construction. This scheme, still in contemplation, may be revived on the sidelines of the conference which begins to-day.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ENTENTE

But any real naval entente between the United States and Britain, going beyond such a building truce between them, is regarded as less feasible now than formerly.

Although strong influences in the British government and navy are believed to favour a closer naval understanding with the United States, Britain's desire to remain on friendly terms with Japan is a countervailing factor.

On the other hand, the United States and Britain have shown themselves keenly aware of the influence of Japanese forward policy on their own Far Eastern interests. Observers in London and Washington have obtained the impression that the two Anglo-Saxon powers, are unable and have hitherto been unwilling to deal decisively and single-handedly with the situation that has arisen. Nevertheless, the belief prevails that the further Japan proceeds with the "fulfilment of her mission" in China the sooner Britain and the United States will be called upon the make up their minds whether they should withdraw entirely from the Far East and recognize Japan's Monroe doctrine for Asia or devise effective means for thwarting it.

SITTING ON FENCE

In this dilemma, Britain continues to follow a middle-of-the-road course. While have even said that British statesmen have been sitting on the fence so long that the iron has entered their souls.

The Far Eastern situation does not stand alone, however.

As the recent Japanese naval attacks in London, Captain Arima Oka, remarked to the *United Press* corres-

BRITISH RED CROSS UNITS



Even the British Red Cross Society has equipped a mobile hospital for Abyssinia. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who inaugurated the fund for its equipment, is seen bidding farewell to one of the ambulance drivers on the departure from England.

Christmas Cards Of Royal Family

London, Dec. 10.

This year the King's Christmas card fittingly reproduces the scene in Westminster Hall when, accompanied by the Queen, he received last May the congratulations of Parliament on the silver jubilee of his reign. That was the occasion when the King, with tears in his eyes, humbly referred to "my dear wife."

The Queen, as usual, has chosen a floral design. The card shows a bunch of may blossom and other wild flowers in a blue earthenware bowl. It is entitled "From a Country Hedge-row" and inside there is a verse:

"Nature's riches, glad and fair
"Bringing sweetness everywhere
"Japan gifts us sun and earth
"Filling hearts with song and mirth"

"St. James's Palace, his own home, is the theme of the Prince of Wales's card. A bright blue sky with cloud effects makes a brilliant background for the dull red palace walls with a group of guardsmen in their scarlet tunics in the foreground.

The Duke and Duchess of York have chosen "Merrie England in the days of old," depicting a scene outside an old country inn with three horsemen just riding away. The card of the Duke and Duchess of Kent is a figure study in browns and yellows entitled "A Breath of Spring," while the Princess Royal has chosen a beautiful picture of red, blue, violet and green, entitled "The Garden of Lost Memories."

In view of Europe's involvement in these events, it is felt that Japan is assured of encountering a minimum of resistance from the west in conducting her forward policy in Asia.

Apocryph of this situation, a well-known United States proponent of improved Anglo-American relations remarked, "a tripartite arrangement between Russia, the United States and Britain for preserving peace in the Far East could prevent Japan from completely driving out Britain and the United States from Eastern Asia."

10 O'clock Deadline For Women At Oxford!

Oxford, Dec. 1.

A recent proctorial decree regarding the hours during which women may be entertained in the University has hurt the youthful pride of Oxford undergraduates.

They object to ten p.m. as the deadline for female visitors believing that the rule "reflects indignantly upon the morals and trustworthiness of students and their female friends."

This view expressed by an undergraduate in a University publication sums up the sentiment of the majority of the University, describing in mild terms what may be heard muttered throughout the town in far more lurid language.

Believing that the decree is an attempt to interfere with the private affairs of undergraduates and graduates alike, the author of the article states, "The precise reason why company which is considered permissible to students between 9 and 10 p.m. should be unsuitable between 10 and 11 is obviously a matter for the proctorial mind alone. Young Oxford will grow up if it is given a chance."

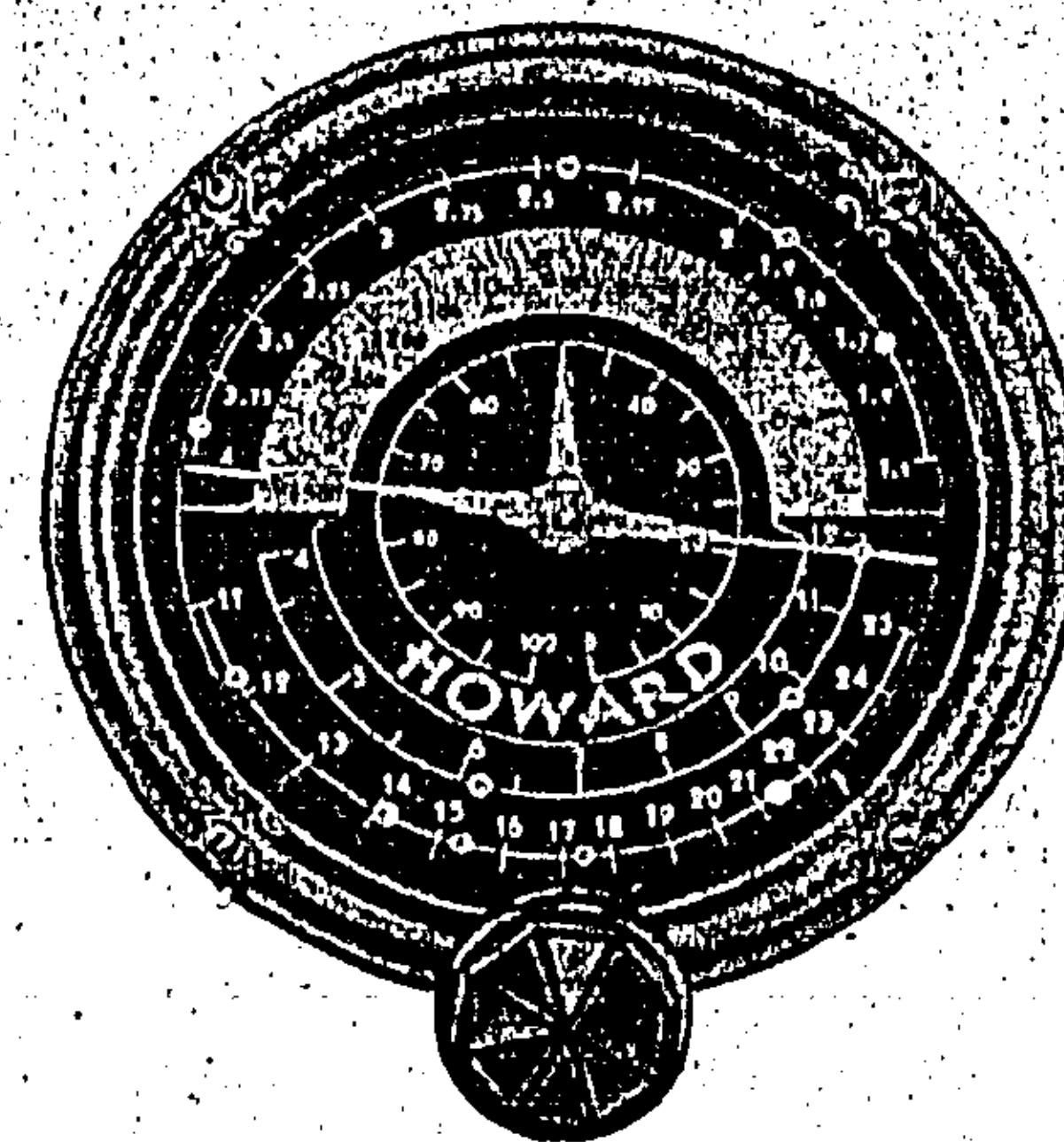
This feeling is reminiscent of perpetual agitation along similar lines in colleges and universities throughout America.

But where American students have a distinct advantage over Oxonians is in rules governing their own hours. At Oxford all undergraduates have to be inside the gates of their college or lodging house by twelve midnight every evening, or else, . . . the owners of lodging houses, or "digs", are just as quick to report the late-homcomer as the college gatekeeper.

On one occasion recently a young lady was requested to leave certain "digs" at the zero hour of ten o'clock. She obeyed with alacrity. But no sooner was she outside than two precocious undergraduates helped her across a basement area and through an open window. Five minutes later the proud complacency of the group was rather rudely ruffled by the ever-watchful landlady, who peremptorily demanded the instant withdrawal of the offending heroine.

But then it is classic that women are virtually an irrelevant species in the lives of the Oxford authorities.—*United Press.*

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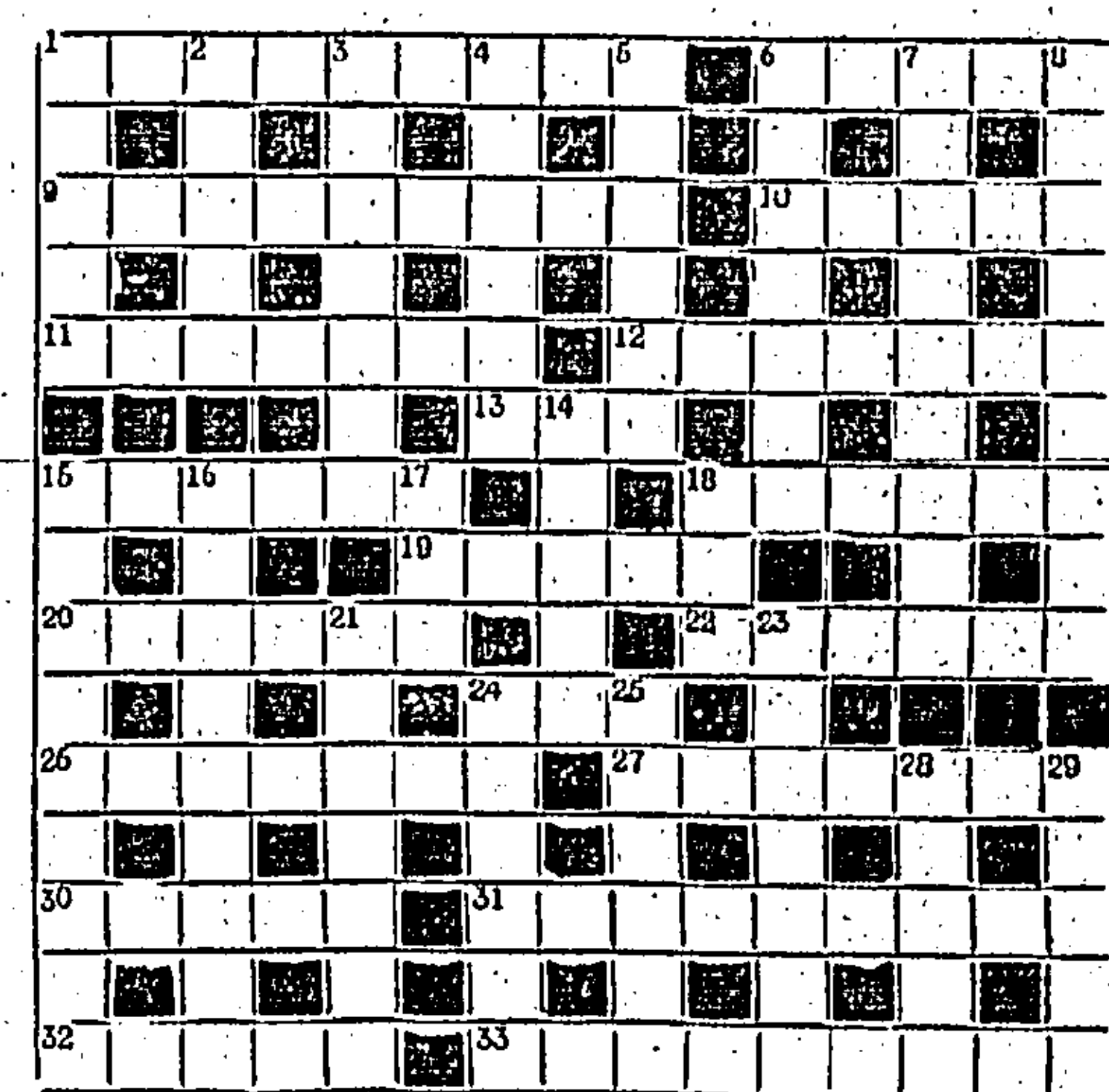
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- 10 And leaning backward in a penance.
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- 12 Comes before drying.
- 13 Trains may run over this in fog.
- 16 Board, to get fat.
- 18 Inquiring Knights so regarded Arthur.
- 19 Refuse, yet not denial.
- 20 Farmer's help.
- 22 Edible.
- 24 Brief and British heat measure.
- 26 British isles, in North Atlantic.
- 27 Takes Russian tea.
- 30 Food to some, rubbish to others.
- 31 External stowaways on ships, as it were.
- 32 Storms, but absent from weather forecasts.
- 33 He disagrees, and is sent in.

DOWN

- 1 A lot to scrape together.
- 2 Not at home in this.
- 3 Road up.
- 4 Hardened.
- 5 Versified scourge.
- 6 Boavers are.
- 7 Particular person needed here.
- 8 Tub-thumper who swallowed a

- 14 City giant.
- 15 Off colour.
- 16 Green slenderer.
- 17 Taken less than none to be not.
- 18 Alfred's not all there apparently.
- 21 Charms.
- 23 Warpath for the politician in a rage.
- 24 This wire is a deterrent, though never cabled.
- 25 Quats.
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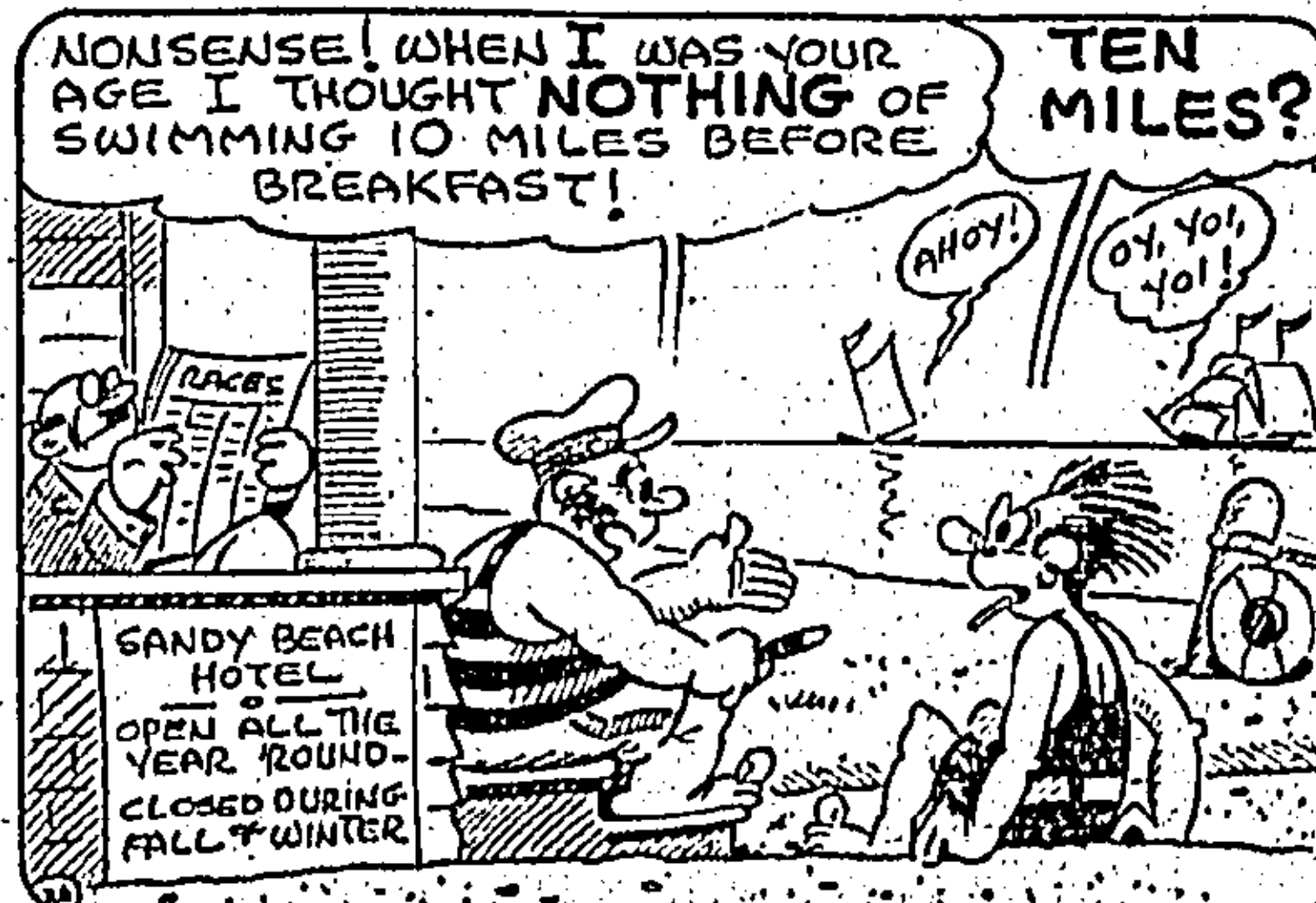
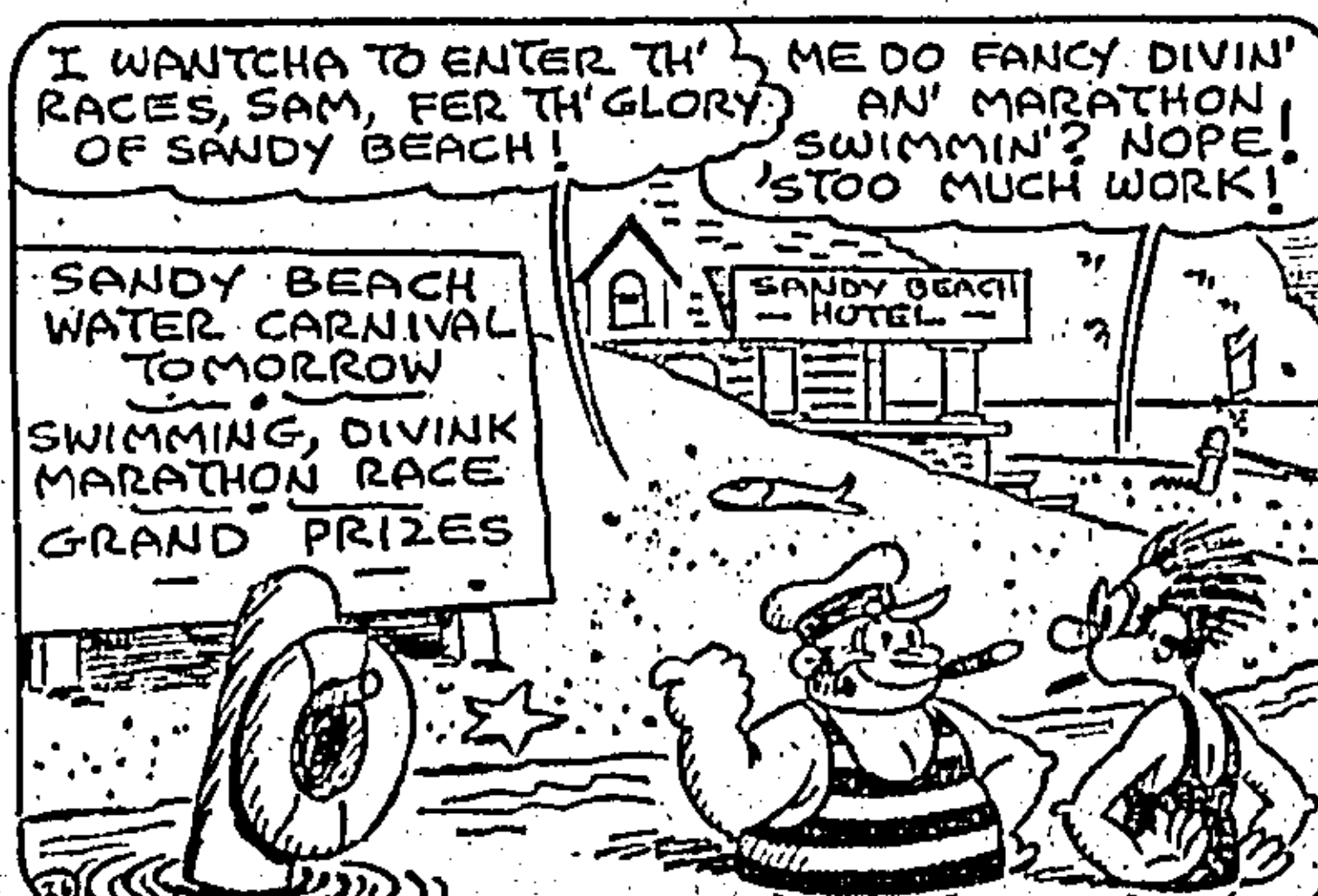
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PROBING
SECRET OF
COSMIC RAYSNEW APPARATUS
TO BE EMPLOYEDOBSERVATION BY
GAS "BOMB"

New York, Dec. 1.

The most concentrated attempt yet made to wrest from Nature the secret of cosmic rays has opened on a farflung front.

The means are seven curious new instruments, whose principal mechanism is a 14-inch steel "bomb," in which, shielded against terrestrial radioactivity by a surrounding jacket of 2,500 pounds of lead shot, pure argon gas will measure cosmic ray intensities.

Scattered over the globe, these instruments will trap the cosmic rays which rain on the earth from a source unknown.

One has been installed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Another is on its way to the highlands of Peru, where it is to be erected at the magnetic observatory of the Carnegie Institution, of Washington, under whose auspices the study is being made.

Other machines will be sent to the Danish observatory on the northern Greenland icefields. Another will go to New Zealand, and another to the University of Chicago.

All the instruments have been made in Chicago under the direction of Dr. Arthur Compton.

Plight Of Germany's
Outcast JewsNO HOPE: NO RELIEF
BUT DEATH

GERMANY enters on her second month of a persecution without parallel in history—the "cold pogrom" of Jewry.

Its aim is to banish utterly from all communal life 400,000 of her people; to succeed where more than two years of bloodshed and massacre have failed.

The state of the Jews in Germany now is worse than it has ever been before in the history of their race. There has never been anything quite like it in the history of the world.

The physical excesses of 1933 continue. Jews are still murdered in the concentration camps; they are still beaten in the streets, and are still paraded through the towns with defamatory placards round their necks.

But from this month the screw has tightened.

A Jew is defined under the new laws as a man or woman who has one or more Jewish grandparents, or one who was married to a Jew when the laws were passed.

These people face a hopeless future. They are to be deprived of their wealth, their rights—above all, the right to work, among the rest of the German people.

They cannot flee with their property. They must remain in Germany. They cannot earn a living.

CANNOT ESCAPE

They cannot marry Aryan Germans or even hybrid Jews. There is nothing they can do except to run round helplessly in circles until they die.

Any individual can report his Jewish enemy or competitor as having been seen in the company of an Aryan woman.

As a result Germany is fast becoming a paradise for the blackmailer.

Jewish doctors are being forced to sell, indeed practically to give away, their practices to Aryans.

First-grade milk has been refused to Jewish children at Magdeburg. At Coburg and Goslar Jews have been refused admission to the cinemas.

Every day sees the tragedy of a Jewish man who, no longer able to bear a future of threatening starvation for his family, goes off into the woods and shoots himself. No mention of Jewish suicides is allowed in the newspapers.

THE NOTARY

A Jewish notary, who lost an arm and won the Iron Cross in the war, received the order to surrender his seals within twenty-four hours. He killed himself.

Wealthy Jews are finding it almost as difficult to flee the country as the poorer ones.

First they must obtain permission to take their money out. This is seldom given, and a Jew is lucky if he escapes out of Germany with 20 per cent. of his money.

Many want to go to Palestine. But Palestine demands one thousand Palestine pounds for every Jewish immigrant. Every British consul in Germany has a long list of Jews who are waiting for permission to pay this.

Germany demands that Palestine in return should buy the same amount of German goods. That is why Palestine buys more from Germany than from Britain. Nazi Germany is cunningly profiting from her persecuted race.

NO CHILDREN

But German Jewry will not last for ever. Suicide, emigration, murder, the decrease in marriages, and the lowering of the birth-rate will eventually bring it to an end. Thousands of Jews, facing this hopeless future, refuse to marry and bring children into such a world.

The first census of 1933, taken after the great "exodus," showed there were 499,682 Jews of German nationality left in Germany. The present figure is only a little more than 400,000. Of these at least half are more than forty-five years old.

Most elderly Jews shrink from an exile that means starting life over again. The younger generation, for whom there is no hope in Germany, have only one wish—to go abroad.

Since the Third Reich was established deaths among German Jews have exceeded births by more than 4,000 a year.

Jewish emigrants average 12,000 a year.

At this rate, in less than twenty years there will be no Jews left in Germany.



George O'Brien and his actress-wife, Marguerite Churchill, two members of the famous Malibu Beach film colony, deserted their home when a raging brush fire got out of control and threatened the colony. Thousands fought an 18-mile blaze which raged for two days before being brought under control.

Men Chained Together
For 100 Days Meet
After 38 Years

TWO Englishmen, a Frenchman, a German, and a Moroccan Jew were captured by Moors thirty-eight years ago and made to march in chains for 100 days.

Last week the two Englishmen met through a London publisher for the first time since their adventure.

SHELTERED BY SHEIK

One of them, Mr. Henry Grey, now in his seventieth year, said to a London press representative:

Born At
Bottom Of
40-Foot WellMOTHER TELLS OF
EXPERIENCE

Sanford, N.C., Dec. 10.

Mrs. Alton Jourdon, young and husky farm woman who gave birth to a child in the icy water in a 40-foot well, told the story of her experience today.

Mrs. Jourdon, in the last stages of her pregnancy, was drawing water from the well behind her husband's farmhouse, 12 miles west of here. Jourdon and two other men were working in a nearby field. Suddenly she felt faint and tumbled down the 40 foot shaft, she said. She could not estimate the depth of the water or remember whether her feet touched bottom. "When I bent over the well," she said, "everything went black. The next thing I remember was being in the cold water, trying to keep afloat. Soon there were two of us and I had to keep up."

Mrs. Jourdon began crying out when she struck the water, she said. She did not know how long it was before her husband and the field workers came and pulled her out together with her seven pound, nine ounce boy baby.

Jourdon said that so far as he could tell, his wife was in the well 45 minutes. Its depth, he said, was "several" feet.

Mrs. Jourdon, in the local hospital, is recovering rapidly. Her baby is normal and healthy. Dr. J. F. Foster, a country physician, said. He took charge of the case after Mrs. Jourdon and the child were transported here in the back seat of a small automobile over 12 miles of rough, country road immediately after her experience.

Dr. Foster said she was suffering from cold and shock when admitted to the hospital. Jourdon had been afraid to attempt to administer to her or the child beyond wrapping both in blankets and applying hot stones to his wife's feet.

"It's a very interesting case," Dr. Foster said. "Of course, what medical science has learned from it will hardly be of great use, as this is probably the first and last instance of a child birth in a 40 foot well."—United Press.

"At thirty I had a £1,500-a-year position as underwriter in marine insurance. I left with £3,000.

"I met a man who said he had a trading concession for Suez, an unpenetrated and, I then thought, independent part of Morocco.

"I contributed £1,000 and we set off, nineteen of us.

"We had landed only sixty rifles of the 4,000 we carried, and two of us were on shore when a friendly native told us the Moors were coming, and indicated by gestures that they would slit our throats.

"We fled, and were given shelter by a sheik, but two days later he sold us for 200 dollars each to the Moors.

"By now they had also caught three other of our men, and the five of us were chained together and marched for 100 days across the desert. The chains were linked through iron collars round our necks.

"At Hatta we were handed over to the Sultan and kept in prison for nine weeks. Then the Sultan handed us to our consul to be punished.

"There was a trial, and I was sentenced to four months."

Pooling their knowledge, the two men found that the Frenchman became a beachmaster on the Gold Coast, and is now in charge of a fishing net business; the German, a Prussian Guards officer, fought a duel in Egypt and died.

The Moroccan Jew, then acting as interpreter, has become a guide in Casablanca, married, and has ten children.

DOUBLOONS
— IF ANY —
"OUTLAWED"

Any treasure-seeker who unearthed a pirates' hoard of doubloons could have paid his hotel bill with those coins in the West Indies up to the time of King Edward VII.

A proclamation was then made by which they ceased to be currency or legal tender. The King now proclaims in the "London Gazette" that "the several subdivisions of the doubloon" shall cease to be legal tender from December 31 next.

Sir Algernon Aspinall, of the West India Committee, said yesterday that the King's proclamation is intended merely to put the affairs of currency in legal order. "Actually," he said, "I have not seen a doubloon for years and years."

But if you ever find an old map traced in blood and indicating a spot 25 yards east of the hibiscus tree, go ahead and dig with confidence.

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CLARK GABLE'S DIVORCE

Hollywood, Dec. 1.

CLARK GABLE and his wife have separated. And one more "Hollywood divorce" is coming. No sooner did reports of the estrangement reach New York than Dame Rumour got busy with rumours.

Clark—who is in New York—at first said he knew nothing about any separation or divorce. Then he admitted that it was true and said, "I guess it's all my fault."

As so many other Hollywood couples have done at such times, both say, "We shall remain good friends."

Mrs. Gable says the trouble is that Clark is "hard to live with." As you might guess from his films, he prefers life in the great outdoors—hunting, shooting, riding—to domesticity.

The present Mrs. Gable is Mrs. Clark Gable No. 2. She was on the stage before the marriage. Maiden name—Rita Langham. Ago—a few years older than Clark, who is thirty-four.

Mrs. Clark Gable No. 1 was Josephine Dillon, dramatic coach. Their marriage ended—in divorce—just about the time that Clark Gable rose to film stardom.

NEW MATE FOR CLARK?

Within twenty-four hours of the announcement of Clark Gable's parting from his wife, New York gossip was finding a new partner for him.

The name mentioned was Elizabeth Allen, the twenty-five-year-old English actress, who went to Hollywood nearly three years ago, and is at present, like Gable, in New York.

Neither of them would discuss the matter to-day.

Mr. W. J. O'Brien, Miss Allen's English film agent husband, said to a London press representative "I know nothing about it. My wife is in New York waiting for the O.K. from the studio before sailing for England. She is coming home for a holiday with me."

Asked if there was any truth in the reports of a divorce between them, which have appeared from time to time for the past year, he said, emphatically, "None whatever."

Tried To Hold Up
A Battleship

New York, Dec. 1.

The world's champion optimist is in chains to-day—because he tried to hold up a battleship.

George Boyog, aged twenty, enlisted as a seaman on board the American warship California. He often worked around the paymaster's office, and the clink of money got on his nerves.

This morning he tried to hold up the paymaster, although the ship was 150 miles at sea.

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Last September Mr. Gropler, Senr., cabled Airwork, Ltd., at Heston, to buy the machine for him, adding that he would send his son to fetch it.

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(Continued from Page 7.)

12.15 a.m. The Hotel Metropole Orchestra.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.30 a.m.
12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.
12.35 a.m. The Hotel Metropole Orchestra.
(cont'd.)
1 a.m. Close down.
Transmission 4
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PART I
1.15 a.m. Big Ben, Mantovani and his
Tipton Orchestra.
2 a.m. The News and Announcements.
2.30 a.m. A Revue of Radio Songs.
2.35 a.m. The Victor Orff Sextet.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3 a.m.
3 a.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
3.30 a.m. "Young Ideas."
4 a.m. A Revue by Thomas Tison (South
African Soprano).
4.25 a.m. Close down.
PART II
4.40 a.m. Ship Canal.
5.30 a.m. The Graham Parkinson Quintet.
Greenwich Time Signal at 6 a.m.
6 a.m. Talk: "I Know a Man"—Neil
Hardie, The Hon. the Viscount
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6.30 a.m. Musical Interlude.
6.35 a.m. The News and Announcements.
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Council as follows:
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Chang Chun, former Chairman of the
Hupei Provincial Government;
Minister of Railways, Mr. Chang
Kung-chuan, a former Governor of
the Bank of China;
Minister of Industry, Mr. Wu Ting-
chang, the President of the Yen Yieh
(Salt) Bank;
Minister of Communications, Pro-
fessor Ku Meng-yu, the former
Minister of Railways, a Leftist;
Minister of Interior, Mr. Chiang
Tao-pin, until recently Chinese Am-
bassador to Japan;
Minister for Finance, Mr. H. H.
Kung, who has occupied the same
post since November 1933;
Minister of War, General Ho Ying-
ching, who is reappointed to a post
which he has held since March 1930;
Minister of Navy, Admiral Chen
Shao-kwan, who is also reappointed;
Minister of Education, Mr. Wang
Shih-chieh, reappointed;
Secretary-General of the Executive
Yuan (Cabinet), Mr. Oung Wen-hao,
a noted Chinese scientist. (Reuter and
United Press.)

Chiang in Control
The above appointments show that
Chiang Kai-shek's closest followers
will be in complete control of the
Executive Yuan. General Chang
Chun, Mr. Chang Tao-pin, Mr. H. H.
Kung, General Ho Ying-ching and
Admiral Chen Shao-kwan are leaders
in the Chiang Kai-shek party. Two
prominent bankers in Messrs. Chang
Kung-chuan and Wu Ting-chang are
also appointed. They are closely
connected with the "Financial Clique"
under Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. H. H.
Kung.

Of the followers of Mr. Wang
Ching-wei, Professor Ku Meng-yu is
the sole survivor in the new Cabinet,
retaining his post as Minister of Com-
munications. In this capacity he
succeeds Mr. Chu Chin-hua, a Chiang
Kai-shek man.

None of Mr. Hu Han-min's friends
is elected, although Mr. Chow Lu
has been offered the post of President
of the Examination Yuan. It may
be mentioned that Mr. Liu Lu-vin,
Hu Han-min's supporter, was pre-
viously appointed Chairman of the
Publicity Committee in the Central
Kuomintang.

A Nanking telegram says that
Chiang Kai-shek will attend his
new post in the Executive Yuan on
Monday. New secretaries of the re-
organised "Cabinet" will attend on
Saturday morning.

The meeting of the Central Political
Council yesterday was the first meet-
ing held since the last election at the
Fifth Kuomintang Congress.

The new Ministers are expected to
take their oaths with Chiang Kai-
shek and others on Monday morning.
The Government has asked General
Feng Yu-hsiang to become Vice-
Minister for Military Affairs.

Japanese Influence
Shanghai, Dec. 12.
The most notable aspect of the
reshuffled Cabinet is that every new
minister was educated, at least
partially, in Japan.

General Ho Ying-ching was also
educated in Japan.

Nevertheless some of the Japanese
dispatches from Nanking express
disappointment at the retention of
any American or British educated
ministers, intimating that it is
necessary for General Chiang Kai-
shek to hold the reins tightly to
prevent the cabinet pursuing an ill
advised course.

Dr. Kung is the only American
student, and the others are English,
influential Japanese opinion is that
the Cabinet is strong, encouraging
hope that General Chiang Kai-shek
will be able to carry out his policies.
However, the Japanese are closely
watching signs showing the character
of policies, which remain unrevealed.
—United Press.

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE
THEATRES

A technical innovation that may
have revolutionary effects on black
and white motion pictures is given
its first real test in Jesse L. Lasky's
lavish new musical, "Redheads on
Parade," which comes on Sunday to
the King's Theatre. The startling
new process which was made possible
by the combined efforts of Grover
Laurie, chief film technician at Fox
Film Studios, and Charles Dudley,
head make-up artist, accomplishes a
bravura change in the colour of
the player's garments during the
taking of film scenes. In "Redheads
on Parade," the process is used in
the big production spectacle and
achieves a unique effect as the cloth-
ing of the chorus and principals
alternately changes colour. Photo-
graphically, the scheme for changing
colours is accomplished by the use of
special filters, additional lighting and
a new special film. The maintenance of
the make-up artist was required to
create a make-up which would remain
unaltered by the various changes.
John Boles and Dixie Lee are the
romantic leads in "Redheads on
Parade," which features forty-eight
of America's most gorgeous redheads
in its elaborate choruses. Jay Gorney
and Don Hartman composed the
songs for the picture.

"Music is Magic"

A gay, mirth-studded romance,
"Music is Magic" a Fox film featur-
ing the talented and doll-like Alice
Faye, comes to the Alhambra this
week-end. Included in the cast are
the romantic young juvenile, Ray
Walker; screenland's "goofiest"
comedians, Mitchell and Durant, and
Bebe Daniels. There are gay tunes
in "Music is Magic" sung by Miss
Faye and Miss Daniels, and rib-
tickling comedy of the "nutties"
variety, and lavish spectacles. The
fast-moving, sparkling story relates
the adventures of two young lovers,
Miss Faye and Mitchell, who go to
Hollywood to seek fame and fortune.
A counterplot concerns itself with the
love of Miss Daniels' daughter, Rosina
Lawrence, for Thomas Beck. Miss
Daniels plays an old-time actress who
is beginning to lose public favour.
Miss Faye, Walker and Mitchell and
Durant are members of a vaudeville
unit featuring Miss Daniels. The act
"flips" and all future booking is
cancelled. The four friends decide to
try their luck in Hollywood. They
meet a series of rebuffs until Miss
Faye is forced to take a job in a
laundry, and Walker becomes a street
car motorman. Finally Miss Faye
manages to obtain a chorus part in a
musical picture, while Mitchell and
Durant are signed to play the role of
"half-wits" in the same production.
Miss Daniels is the prima donna,
but her long, thin legs happen to
attract Miss Daniels out of her role.
Miss Faye fills it, and at the climax
the pals are happily reunited and
successes, at last. George Marshall
directed the picture, which was pro-
duced by John Stone.

"Big Broadcast of 1936"

Tuneful, brisk and gay, "The Big
Broadcast of 1936" opening at the
Queen's Theatre this week-end, com-
bines a diverting comedy plot with
an impressive collection of stars,
garnered from the top ranks of radio,
stage and screen. Packed with rich
comedy moments, handsomely pro-
duced, this highly entertaining pro-
duction is headed by a cast that can
be depended upon to lead the way
when it comes to cutting crazy capers.
Such comedians as Jackie Oakie,
Burns and Allen, and Lydia Roberti
are sure-fire standbys for light heart-
ed humour and laugh-provoking
antics. In addition, an imposing
array of famous personalities such as
Bing Crosby, Amos and Andy, Ethel
Merman, Bill Robinson, Ray Noble
and his orchestra, Willie West and
McGinty, Mary Boland and Charles
Ruggles contribute specialty numbers
that shouldn't be missed. Set against
the glamorous background of radio,
the story centres around the breezy
experiences which come the way of
two air wave entertainers when a

beautiful, wealthy young countess
comes their way and takes them to
her exclusive island estate in order
to decide which one to marry. How
they unintentionally win an inter-
national broadcasting contest forms
one of the hilarious climaxes to the
film.

"Goin' To Town"

Some detail from Mae West's own
life and career can be found in every
picture that she has made. Due to
the fact that the blonde star of Para-
mount's "Goin' To Town," coming to-
day to the Star Theatre, writes her
own screen stories, she can't resist
mixing them all autobiographical in
some small detail. In her first, "She
Done Him Wrong," the heroine was a
collector of diamonds, which Miss
West most certainly is in real life.
Her second picture, "I'm No Angel,"
contained the famous court-room
scene copied from a court drama of
Mae West's own career. "Bell of the
Nineties," Mae West's most recent,
contained the hold-up and jewel rob-
bery which Miss West had just ex-
perienced in real life. In "Goin' to
Town," Miss West is the owner of a
string of race horses. And that fits
too, because she recently decided to
start a stable of her own. The new
picture, with settings in modern
Buenos Aires and Southampton,
brings Miss West up to date and even
ahead of the times. Seven leading
men support Miss West, headed by
Paul Cavanagh, the man who wins
her because he can't escape her.

"The Wedding Night"

A new romantic theme, composed of
Gary Cooper and Anna Sten, is to
be seen at the King's Theatre to-day
in the leading roles of Samuel
Goldwyn's "The Wedding Night," the
love story of a New York author and
a New England farm girl. Goldwyn,
with his usual skill, and this time
aided by King Vidor, has expertly
combined love, romance, excitement,
suspense and tragedy into a film that
also depicts the ageless and bitter
struggle between the old and the
new generations in America.
Cooper, as the young author, proves
that he is as competent a love-maker
as an adventurer, and Miss Sten
demonstrates that she can portray
the character of a modern American
girl with the same great emotional
ability that marked her earlier foreign
roles in "We Live Again."
Siegfried Rumann acts out to be
a hated character as the stern,
cruel father of Miss Sten, and suc-
ceeds admirably. Helen Vinson moves
with swift, easy steps through the
role of Cooper's luxuriant, loving fash-
ionable wife, and Katharine Hepburn
plays the role of the sturdy plowman
and young farmer he is supposed to be.
King Vidor again displays his genius
at taking a simple story, one dealing
with every-day men and women, and
creating from it a dramatic, emotional
and long-to-be remembered motion
picture. It is significant that he
recently was awarded the League of
Nations' gold medal for "Our Daily
Bread," named as the best motion
picture in the world during the past
year. "The Wedding Night," released
through United Artists, should top
your must-see movie list.

"Smart Girl"

Ida Lupino, young screen actress,
is really a bona fide countess. Exiled
from Italy three hundred years ago
for political reasons, the distinguished
Lupino family of Great Britain to-
day refuses to use titles which are
still theirs. Miss Lupino, ninth con-
secutive generation of actors, current-
ly featured in Walter Wanger's Para-
mount film "Smart Girl," now show-
ing at the Queen's Theatre, disclosed
this recently while reminiscing about
her family tree. Her father Stanley
Lupino, is famous both in Europe
and in the United States as a
comedian and a dancer. Her mother
Connie Emerald, for years appeared
opposite her father. Cousins are
Lupino Lane, film comic and Wallace
Lupino, an English favourite. Barry
Lupino is an uncle, Ida's grand-
father, George Lupino, Sr. The act-
ing urge goes back in an unbroken
line for three centuries, the original
being Count Barrero Lupino. "Smart
Girl" also features Kent Taylor, Gail
Patrick, Sidney Blackmer and Joseph
Cawthorn.

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warded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

Straits	Behar	December 13.
Japan and Shanghai	General L.	December 13.
Haiphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 13.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	December 13.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang- hai (Seattle, 23rd November)	Pres. McKinley	December 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranchi	December 13.
Shanghai and Amoy	Liangchow	December 14.
Straits, Straits and Air Mail ex- press	Malacca Maru	December 14.
Imperial Service (London, 30th November)	Kutsang	December 15.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tainan	December 15.
Shanghai	Aeneas	December 15.
Straits	Alchax	December 15.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 15.
Shanghai	Athos II	December 17.
Japan	Van Heutz	December 17.
Haiphong	Buenos Aires Maru	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Canton	December 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco, 29th Nov.)	Kamo Maru	December 19.
Shanghai	Pres. Hoover	December 19.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 30th November)	Tantulus	December 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Tilawa	December 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco, 22nd Nov.)	Emp. of Japan	December 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	December 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jijay	December 20.
Straits and Manila	Asama Maru	December 21.
Java and Manila	Kashima Maru	December 21.
Straits	Tjikembang	December 21.
Japan	Tokushima Maru	December 21.
Straits and Manila	Allport	December 22.
	Deucalion	December 22.
	Tsushima Maru	December 22.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Friday.	
Shanghai and Japan	Kingyuan	Fri., Dec. 13, 1 p.m.
Straits, Amoy and Poochow	Pres. Doumer	Fri., Dec. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Iranian	Fri., Dec. 13, 3 p.m.
Manila	General Lee	Fri., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.

Letters for "Imperial Service"—due Ranchi—Sat., Dec. 14.
London, 27th December.

Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due
Amsterdam, 23rd December.
Letters for "Singapore-Australia
Service"—due Darwin, 24th De-
cember.

Reg.	K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.	Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.	Dec. 14, 9 a.m.
Letters, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, Ranchi	Letters, Dec. 14, 10.30 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 10th January).	Letters, Dec. 14, 1.00 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 1.00 p.m.

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Straits, Sandakan and Calcutta	Letters, Dec. 14, 10.30 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Letters, Dec. 14, 1.00 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 1.00 p.m.
Manila	Kwangtung	Sat., Dec. 14, 3.30 p.m.
	Pres. McKinley	Sat., Dec. 14, 4.30 p.m.

Sunday.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa

Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Sun., Dec. 15, 9 a.m.

Monday.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and G.G. Paul Doumer

Haiphong.	Kutsang	Mon., Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
Amoy		Mon., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.

Tuesday.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Change
via Thursday Island, (Due Thursday Island, 28th Dec.)

Parcels	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Dec. 17, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Yuenan	Sat., Dec. 14.
Letters	Dec. 14, 1.00 p.m.

Letters for "Air Orient Service"—
due Marseilles, 30th December

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Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Letters, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Aden, and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 18th January.)	Letters, Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.	Letters, Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.

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U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	11.41	11.42/42
January	11.36	11.42/42
March	11.16	11.23/23
May	11.06	11.13/13
July	10.92	11.03/03
October	10.72	10.76/77
Spot	11.80	11.85

New York Rubber

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	12.96	12.99/99
January	13.05	13.07/07
March	13.23	13.26/26
May	13.38	13.39/41
July	13.50	13.53/53

Chicago Wheat

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	95 1/2	96 1/2/96 1/2
May	95	95 1/2/95 1/2
July	88 1/2	87 1/2/87 1/2

Wednesday's sales

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	58 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2
May	59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2
July	60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	83 1/2	83 1/2/83 1/2
May	87 1/2	87 1/2/87 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 1/2/87 1/2

New York Silk

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	1.04 1/2	1.03 /95 1/2
March	1.01 1/2	1.00 1/2/91 1/2
May	1.00	1.59 1/2/91 1/2

Total sales—9 lots

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 19, 1914.

The rate of dollar on demand was 1s 9 1/2/16d.

Inspector Marison was promoted Chief Detective Inspector of the Police Force.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on December 18 of Mr. A. B. Raworth and Miss Winifred Robinson. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET DOWNWARD YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 12.

The following reports on the New York Stock Market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:

The Wall Street Journal report on yesterday: The markets to-day closed lower in a nervous session when the St. Louis South-Western Railroad Company petitioned the Government to reorganize under the Bankruptcy Act. Bonds were irregular. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: Stocks were in fair supply, but selling orders were well absorbed. The St. Louis South-Western Railroad Company requests reorganization under the Bankruptcy Law. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has placed a \$25,000,000 order for 10,000 freight cars.

Cotton: The Trade and short interests absorbed the bulk of the liquidation. Eight brokerage houses are bullish, whilst four brokers are bearish in their outlook. The Government is reported to have a substitute scheme in case the Bankhead Act and the A.A.A. are ruled as unconstitutional.

Wheat: There was a fair export demand for Canadian wheat. The main feature of the market to-day was December adjustment.

Rubber: The market was steady. Some "spot" demand was reported to-day, but not of an aggressive nature. Primary offerings are high.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
30 Industrials	142.84	141.34
20 Rails	41.28	40.74
30 Utilities	29.23	28.68
20 Bonds	98.22	98.10
11 Commodity Index	55.54	55.65

F. H. Robinson, while Mr. T. G. Weall was best man.

Mr. F. M. Grace Ozorio was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Mr. Chak Chin-hang the degree of Bachelor of Science by the Hongkong University.

Lieut. G. K. Hall Bruton, of the Volunteer Reserve, was promoted Captain, and 2nd Lieutenants J. Owen Hughes and B. H. Branch were promoted full Lieutenants.

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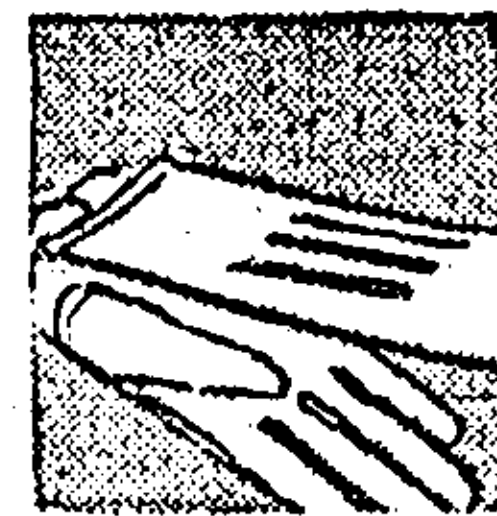
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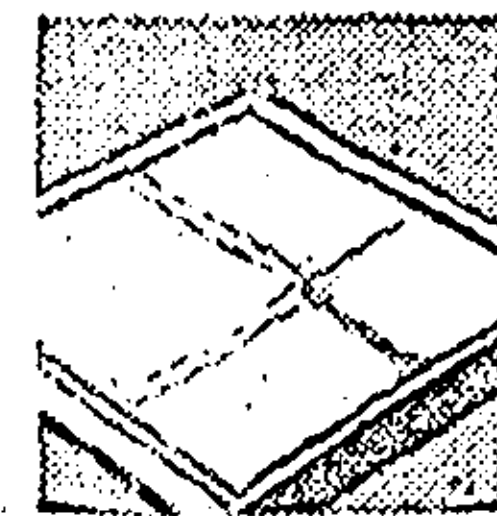
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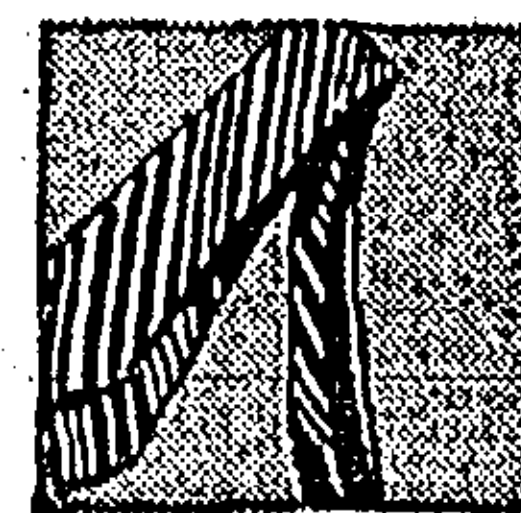
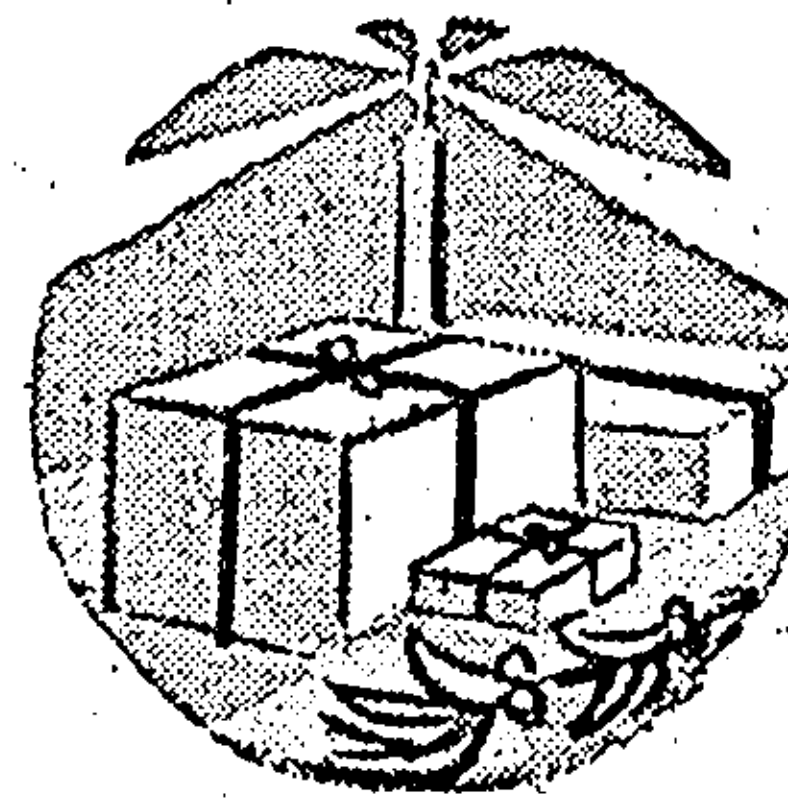
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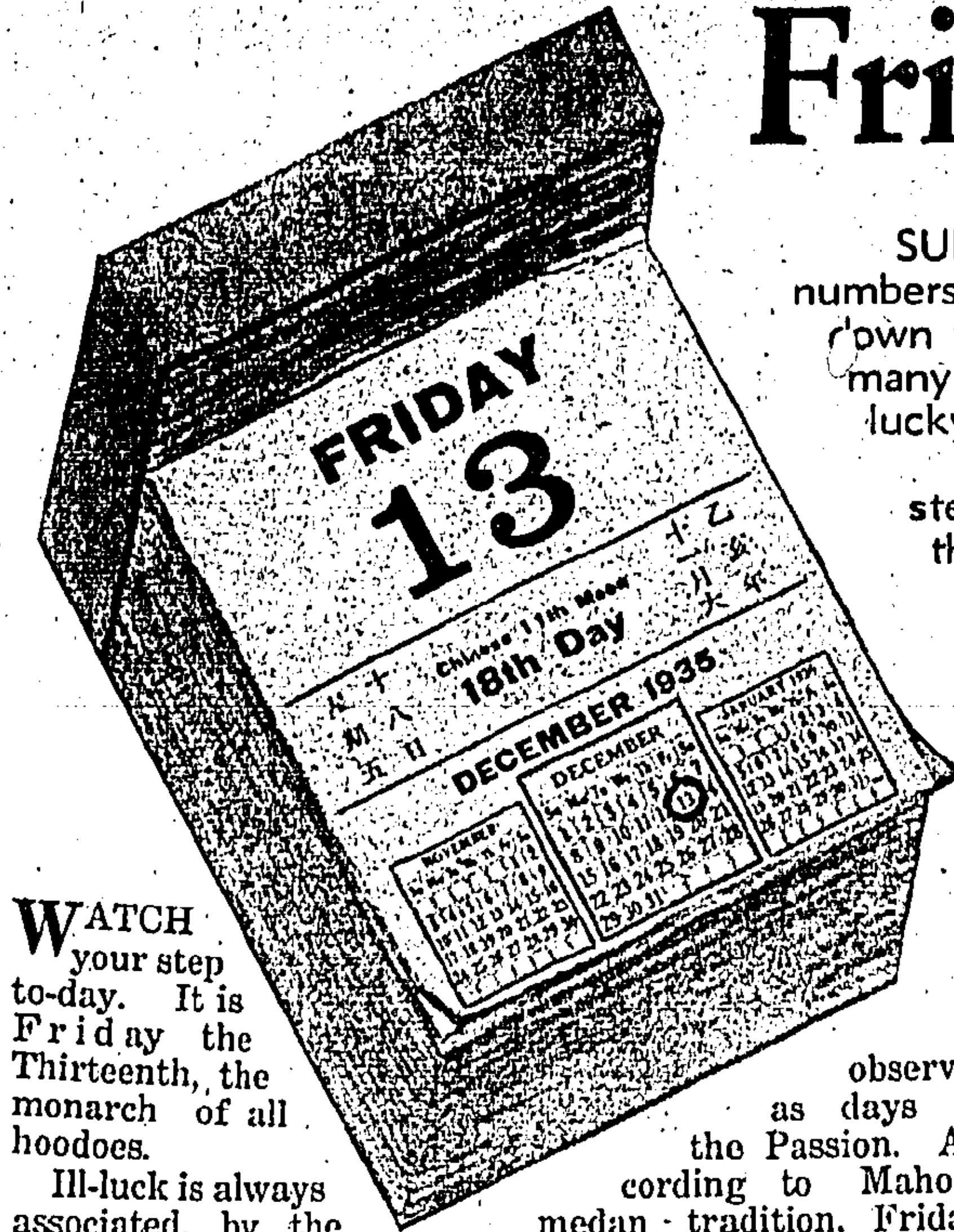
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FUTILE PEACE EFFORTS

Whatever may have been the facts behind the Anglo-French efforts to reach a possible basis for the settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, it is clear that the British Government has been forced to take note of the storm of criticism which has followed disclosures made in the Press regarding the reported main features of the peace plan. There was a fear that, in an effort to placate France, Britain might go far further, in making concessions to Italy, than public opinion would tolerate. As a consequence, there has been considerable modification of the terms originally suggested. Even so, the more the situation is studied, the plainer does it become that the impossible was being attempted in drawing up plans which, at this juncture, might be acceptable to the League and the both parties to the dispute. There is, admittedly, something to be said for any effort which aims at discovering the minimum conditions under which Italy and Ethiopia would be prepared to discuss a termination of the hostilities; but that end would best be served by the process of enquiring from the two parties what these conditions are, and not by formulating specific proposals. Eventually, it may be found possible to secure a settlement on the basis of territorial adjustments, but at this stage in the conflict it is futile to even put forward plans which call for the surrender of territory by Ethiopia. The position is quite clear. Italy, by her own acts, has been declared the aggressor; her troops are on Ethiopian soil; the slaughtering of the defenders and innocent civilians continues. With the circumstances thus, how is it reasonable to expect the Ethiopians to consider terms involving loss of sovereignty in respect of considerable areas of their country? Apart from any other considerations, the withdrawal of the invaders from Ethiopia would appear to be a necessary pre-requisite of peace conversations. But Italy is clearly in no mood at the moment to listen to any such demand. Mussolini's spoken words plainly reveal the Italian attitude. In August, he declared, "We shall go forward until we achieve the Fascist Empire." In October, he averred, "Not only is our Army on the march towards its objective, but forty million Italians are marching in unison with it." Here we have a clear endorsement of the policy of warlike aggression. It will thus be seen that there is little prospect of bringing the warring parties together in such a spirit as to permit of a settlement of the dispute. The only alternative is for the League members to press on with their penalties against the aggressor, in the hope that the effect thereof may eventually induce Italy to bow to the force of world opinion.



WATCH

your step
to-day. It is
Friday the
Thirteenth, the
monarch of all
hoodoos.

Ill-luck is always associated, by the superstitious, with a Friday. And when the Friday falls on a thirteenth, as it has done twice this year!

Ill-luck on Fridays undoubtedly arises from the Crucifixion, as probably do the digits 13, for it was this number of persons who sat down to the Last Supper.

By the Western and Eastern Churches the Fridays throughout the year, except when Christmas falls on that day, have ever been

NOTES OF THE DAY

BLACK GOLD

Black gold, it was named in the days of the great oil rush in the western United States; and black gold it remains to those fortunate enough to possess oil fields of any capacity. Oil can make or mar a nation's chances in war or in commerce. It keeps the wheels of industry turning. It may bring millions to the pockets of labouring people. An oil embargo against Italy, for instance, seriously applied, would go farther than any other sanction in forcing a reasonable peace upon that nation. The Committee of Eighteen at Geneva, during the next little while, must decide whether or not to add oil to the sanctions list. We shall see if the embargo is enforced, how vital a thing is oil in the successful running of a nation. It is more than a lubricant for sewing machines and motor cars. It keeps an air force in action; makes possible the swift supply of any army in the field; runs transports and troopships; literally feeds the navy. Next to men, guns and ammunition, oil, and plenty of it, is the first necessity of a modern fighting force.

Where would Britain be without oil in the event of war? Supposing her supply were cut off; supposing her trade routes were made too dangerous for tankers to travel; where would Britain go for fuel for her ships and her aircraft? To her coalfields. That is why the recent experiments in distilling oil from coal are watched with such great interest in Great Britain. The industry is in its infancy; for in 1931 only a trifling 38,000,000 gallons of oil were produced by this means. That is little more than a drop in the proverbial bucket. Britain's peace time needs are 2,800,000,000 gallons of petroleum and its by-products each year. But the volume required increases steadily. It is a matter for gratification to know that those great coal mines which once were the backbone of Britain's economic life are still of immense potential value. They may yield the black gold for which nations, in the past, have fought and schemed prodigiously. The resurrection of the coal mining industry may be brought about by the distillation of oil from this commodity, and that in itself would be a boon to Britain. The experiment, for it is hardly beyond that stage, is well worth cultivation.

Friday, The 13th

SUPERSTITION! The peculiar belief in charm or numbers, either for good or ill. How many of us will sit down to a dinner party that totals thirteen guests? Yet many people are convinced that the number thirteen is lucky.

Superstitiously inclined people will watch their steps to-day, however, for it is Friday the Thirteenth, the monarch of all hoodoos.

Tradition says that Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden on Friday; it was on a Friday morning that Cain is said to have killed Abel and the beheading of John the Baptist and the Crucifixion took place on a Friday.

There were thirteen at table at the Last Supper. And so Friday the Thirteenth has become a particularly ominous date in the minds of the superstitious.

observed as days of the Passion. According to Mahomedan tradition, Friday, which is the Moslem sabbath, was the day on which Adam was created, entered Paradise and was expelled, and it was the day of his repentance, the day of his death, and will be the Day of Resurrection.

FRIDAY, the thirteenth, usually falls twice a year. In 1934 it fell in April and July, and next year will fall in March and November. The other month in this year in which it fell was September.

It is, especially in Marine circles, beyond all peradventure an unlucky day—that is, if you're superstitious. The story goes that a shipowner was determined to kill this particular belief, which is as strong as proofs of Holy Writ to the superstitious seafarer. He built a ship which he named Friday, the keel was laid on a Friday, she was launched on a Friday, she sailed on a Friday the thirteenth, and she was never heard of any more.

THE world is full of superstition. True, the Bible warns us against "the working of Satan with all power and signs and wonders," but superstition is hard to squelch.

Many men, for instance, refuse to allow three cigarettes to be lit from one match. This superstition is said to arise out of the Russian funeral ritual, in which three after candles are lit by the same taper. To supply the same method of illumination to three worldly things, like cigars and cigarettes, is regarded as an act of impiety, and hence as unlucky.

Gamblers are notoriously superstitious as to certain colours and numbers, and to meeting a funeral, or a black cat, and many other ill omens.

In Hongkong there are no of St. Monance, in Fife, where rooms numbered 13 in the superstitious is still rife. European hotels, since the numbers have a digit, corresponding with the floor number, before the room number. Other parts of the world get over the difficulty by numbering the room 12A.

An eclipse of the moon is the subject of superstition to Chinese, and there is much beating of gongs to stop the frog from eating it.

A Chinese feminine superstition is that it is awfully unlucky to say that a baby is heavy. Quite the reverse to proud European mothers, who would feel insulted if they were told that their baby was a poor, fragile little mite.

EUROPEANS are not the only people who are superstitious. A Chinese superstition is that the spirit of a person who commits suicide will haunt the house for three years, when another suicide will take place. Strangely enough, this was fulfilled in a case last month.

Indians have a very awkward superstition. It is bad luck, if you lend a friend money, not to insist on its return.

SOME Scots people are among the most superstitious in the British Empire. Only the other day we read of the village

Hoodoo You Do?

By Ed. Kelly, Father of 13

BY the time this appears in print it will probably have ceased to be the Kelly feature and become the Kelly epitaph.

Our instructions from a cold-blooded Editor this morning are reminiscent of those the Emperor of Abyssinia might tell his air force ("Out there, there are sixty Italian aeroplanes. Go force them down!")

To be exact they were: "Mr. Kelly, To-day is Friday the Thirteenth. Kindly defy superstition." The difference between defying superstition and defying orders is

that in the former case you may get away with it. Which accounts for the fact that we—

But our progress may better be reviewed from the Hoodoo Book of the Great Hokus Pokus Hoodooer, which, as you know, is kept by Judas.

"At 10 a.m. I saw the suspect Kelly, wearing a green tie, enter the Hongkong Hotel under a ladder, continuously tripping over a black cat which he had on a string lead, and accompanied by a pigeon-toed companion. Notwithstanding that it was Friday the 13th, he immediately made a decision, which he consumed in a tankard.

"At this point I succeeded in dislodging a portion of the ceiling, but its effect was diverted by an umbrella the suspect Kelly had raised inside the building, and it merely demolished the suspect, Kelly's friend.

"Kelly then sat down toiffin, after first removing his shoes and placing them on the table. Next he emptied the contents of the salt-cellar on the table, and carefully arranged two knives in a cruciform pattern.

"This ritual convinced another friend sitting at the next table that Kelly should be humoured until police assistance was forthcoming, so he accordingly gave Kelly a cigar and strongly advised him to sell sterling as the dollar was bound to rise to 1s. 8d. this afternoon.

The Hokus Pokus: And was this tip successful?

The Hokus Pokus: Excellent.

The Hoodoo: No, your Unpleasantness.

The Hoodoo: Unfortunately, your Unpleasantness, the suspect Kelly had no money with which to speculate, so could not take advantage of the tip.

The Hokus Pokus: You're freed. So now, we're waiting for the next blow to fall. As we walked under the ladder we picked up a five-dollar note, we sold our black cat for 50 cents, and the boy forgot to bring the chit for our tiffin.

If we finally survive, our next Defying Date will be March 13, 1936.

P.S. But we tricked them, all the same. We've had our fingers crossed all day.



"Jane's a riot when she gets started about her husband."

ALL ABOUT LAST RACE MEETING OF SEASON

A Fireside Chat About Cricket

IT'S TOO COLD FOR WORDS

—SAYS R. ABBIT

Unbalanced Strength In The League

I don't exactly know where the thermometer is when I am starting in to write these notes, but it is pretty low, I'll be bound! It is not exactly inspiring, when one sits down to write of cricket, to have to pull a chair up beside the first fire of the season and hold forth amid an atmosphere of smoke from the chimney which in these last eight months has quite forgotten how to do its job.

Nol I could in this weather roar at you like any sucking dove of the delights of Rugger, or ice hockey—but seeing as how I've got to write about cricket, my style is definitely cramped, like a lot of the batting in League matches.

Still, I suppose my Editor—(I wonder if he suffers from cold feet as badly as I do, or if he can tell me how to keep the tip of my nose warm. Of course, if I were a dog it would be healthy but I'm not so sure about rabbits)—will expect me to do something about it. I'm sorry about this—Governors always go to my head!

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

I am beginning to realise that the great discrepancy between the cricketing abilities of the various Clubs is going to make the games in the Senior League rather uninteresting. One would not say that cricket is at a low ebb in the Colony as we won the Interport pretty handsomely, and have some uncommonly useful players, but there is no doubt that the distribution of talent is at present unfortunate from the sporting point of view.

There are really—(and I do hope I'm not going to hurt anyone's feelings—only two strong sides in the Senior League, the H.K.C.C. and the Indians. There ought to be three, but until the Army can get out of their present depression there are only two. And this does not make for an exciting competition.

To-morrow's games are not as interesting as they might have been. The I.R.C. playing at home should, barring the most surprising stroke, defeat the Navy pretty easily. The Club normally would have a big job on with the Army, were the latter team's batsmen in form—but as it is I fancy they will win provided that the Army bat first.

Otherwise a draw is quite a possible result. Of course, Williams and Bonavia may bring off another first wicket stand as they did, I think, in the Triangular Tournament last season, but, even so, and even if the other bats come off, I don't somehow quite see the Club being beaten.

There is a non-League game on the K.C.C. v. the Happy Valley team, and the Civil Service, which will not, I fear, be very interesting. I cannot help thinking it would be better for Civil Service Cricket if they were to play as a second League team for a bit. It would perhaps help to give them a little confidence. Even when Griffiths and McCallan join their ranks they are going to be terribly weak.

THE SECOND LEAGUE

In the Junior games the I.R.C. at King's Park should beat the Navy Second, unless the home side are very much more in form than they were last week; they are of course still without many of their best players.

The K.C.C. visit Happy Valley to play the Civil Service second eleven and will, I fancy, win pretty easily. I shall be interested to see G. Lee's bowling analysis this time—if they put him on!

As regards non-League games the Police should beat the Recreation though I am beginning to regard them as an in and out side. Craighower second are continuing the good work of training up the young idea and are at home to the Diocesan School. I cannot stress too much the value to schoolboys of meeting League teams on the cricket-field. The only other match I have knowledge of at present is that between the Sappers (at home) and the H.K.C.C. second.

I am afraid that considerations of space—and time—prevent my concluding these notes, but I hope to catch up on Tuesday next.

ANOTHER BIG WIN FOR ALL BLACKS

London, Dec. 12. The New Zealand rugby team scored another notable success to-day when they overwhelmed the Mid-District XV at Aberdare by 31 points to 10.

Cambridge University reacting to the Varsity match, collapsed before Newport, and were defeated 22-0.



Elliot, whose transference to the centre forward position has considerably improved the Hongkong F. C. attack.

Gilchrist Decides To Quit Football

LOSS TO GAME

(By "Veritas").

J. I. K. Gilchrist, former Kowloon F. C. player and now playing left half for the Hongkong Football Club has decided to quit the game.

Gilchrist says he has had enough of soccer and does not feel inclined to continue any longer. The decision takes effect forthwith and is the reason why Gilchrist is not appearing in the Club team to-morrow for their Shield match against East Lancashire.

Gilchrist is well known on the local soccer field and on his day was one of the best half backs playing here. He terminated a long association with the Kowloon Football Club at the end of last season and threw in his lot with the Hongkong F.C. He has played regularly this season in the senior team, becoming successor to Andy Duncan, who formerly held the left half berth.

announced of the long journey, but any proposal would be sympatheticly considered. At the U.S.S.R. Embassy in London I was told that Russia is fervently developing its sport. A Czechoslovakian and an Austrian football team have visited Russia and Russian sides have played in France and Turkey.

FIRE BRIGADE FACE STIFF BADMINTON HURDLE

IMPORTANT MIXED DOUBLES MATCH
WITH ST. ANDREW'S

(By "Veritas")

The fire Brigade face their second stiff hurdle in their quest for the mixed doubles badminton championship when they meet St. Andrew's on the latter's court to-night.

Quite apart from the fact that St. Andrew's boast a useful team, the visitors are certain to find the court a big handicap as it is in every respect vastly different to the Fire Brigade's court at Police Headquarters.

This is the most interesting match in to-night's programme, and although the Fire Brigade will probably win, they must expect to lose at least two games. There is a rather interesting contrast between the teams. St. Andrew's mixed doubles Six is nowhere near so strong as their men's outfit, whereas the Fire Brigade boast a mixed doubles team much more powerful than their men's combination.

St. John's should bag another two points against Talko although the match is being played by mutual agreement at Talko, while the Chinese Recreation Club are favoured to win on their own court against Kowloon Tong, although the

Is Mr. Leo Frost To Be Disappointed? IN QUEST FOR FIFTY VICTORIES

REQUIRES THREE MORE
CHAMPIONS EVENTS INCLUDED
IN PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club will close their racing season to-morrow when the Fourteenth Extra Meeting will be staged and the first Saddling Bell will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m., sharp. There are the usual eight events on the card including three Autumn Champions. The conditions of these three classics are for ponies that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of the Club since January 1, two of such meetings previous to July 1, and two subsequent to that date. Non-winners at Extra Meetings are barred.

Liberty Bay owned by Mr. L. Dunbar, has started only once before the season and is therefore ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions. The Seventeenth of September, when he won a race after annexing the Sub-Griffins' Champions at the Annual Meeting, is also ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins' Champions. These two ponies have won a race after annexing the Sub-Griffins' Champions at the Annual Meeting, is also ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins' Champions. These two ponies have won a race after annexing the Sub-Griffins' Champions at the Annual Meeting, is also ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins' Champions.

Mr. Leo Frost learned the art of riding when he was in Tientsin and his first appearance at the Valley was on October 14, 1929, when on the Zephyr finished third in the Jordan Handicap. The following is a complete riding analysis of the local champion since his first appearance in 1929 to date:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Unpd.
1929	29	17	9	49
1930	29	17	9	49
1931	41	14	23	66
1932	57	33	26	70
1933	44	31	23	67
1934	12	7	2	21
1935	17	2	2	21

It will be remembered that in 1934 he was away on leave during the Extra Race Meetings and his best year was in 1932 when he won 67 races. It may not perhaps be known that Mr. Leo Frost had won almost every classic with the exception of the Hongkong Derby and the Rookery Hill Derby and no doubt he will not finish riding until his name figures in the honours lists of these two important events.

What is the matter with Mr. Frost? He has not registered a win after the season, and one wonders if he will turn up to-morrow.

THE OPENING EVENTS

December & Dilatory
Handicaps

The opening event, the December Handicap over a mile, has drawn 11 entries from the B, C, and D Classes and King's Beauty has been allotted the top weight 168 lbs. The mare is in good condition but I am afraid the distance is a bit too long. Her last outing was on October 12 when she won the Kwangsi Handicap over five furlongs beating her stable companion, the Hongkong Champion, by a head. View, Mucaroni, Helman, Soldier of Germany, Bay View and The Tiger, and to-morrow she has to concede a good weight of lead to Soldier of Germany. At this time last year Soldier of Germany was running against a better class of competitors and if he could reproduce the same form, he ought to be well up in the finish. The Tiger, who was second in the St. Andrew's Stakes is nicely in with 156 lbs. and is dangerous with Mr. Frost at the helm. Monoplane, by virtue of his win at Macao last Sunday is ineligible and I am very sorry for Dr. Lee Shuk-kee as this will be his last meeting before proceeding to England. Harvest View has a good outside chance but we should not worry about High Speed and Soldier of China as they belong to another standard.

ABLE AMAZON TO BE BARRED?

At time of writing, I have not heard whether Able Amazon will be barred from betting in the December Handicap, but being a classic event, I do not think the Stewards will exercise their power. Able Amazon won this classic race last year with Mr. Butler at the wheel and will annex it again with Mr. Frost. Able Amazon is a top well known for any introduction and she will win the Queensland Champions in a canter. We should see a good fight between Bag Tor, Cold Morning and Shooting Star for second and third places and I fancy the first two named ponies.

The Dilatory Handicap is confined to "D" class ponies over a mile to be ridden by novices, and the race is very open. Flybnight failed to strike his form at Macao last Sunday and it would interest one to know whether the trip across had anything to do with it. I was given to under-

stand that the sea was heavy on Saturday when nearing Ninipins. However, Flybnight (Mr. Cheape) has a pull of eight pounds when he ran second to Festival Eve in the Taiipo Handicap and should therefore be among the places. Mr. S. L. Yuen has been booked to steer Festival Eve and Mr. H. A. Botelho will take out Heart's Glory. These two ponies will give Flybnight a good run for their money. Glad Eyes is nearly at the top of the ladder with 165 lbs. and it is rumoured that he will not accept owing to a leg trouble. Tillium is in fine fettle but the distance is, I am afraid, beyond his endurance. Plain View (Mr. W. H. Choy) is dangerous, and so is Warrington with Mr. Ip.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS LIBERTY BAY TO ABSTAIN

FIVE STARTERS

The Hongkong Autumn Champions over 1½ miles will be the best race of the day and with the absence of Liberty Bay, the main event is, without question, very open. The failure of Liberty Bay for not starting in two races before the season was not an oversight, but due to a sporting gesture on the part of Mr. Dunbar to give others a chance. This classic was first run in 1923 and as a matter of interest, I append below a list of the successful winners:—

Owner	Pony	Jockey
1923 Mr. A. H. Carroll's	Fern Leaf	Mr. F. M. L. Soares
1924 Mr. F. H. Kew's	Prince Regent	Mr. Gibson
1925 Messrs. Hall and Shenton's	Saligia	Mr. T. M. Doyle
1926 do	Town Hall	Mr. T. P. Ralph
1927 Mr. Ho Kom Tong's	Winoame Stag	Mr. T. L. Wong
1928 Mr. Chan Tin Sion's	Chesapeake Bay	Mr. G. A. Harriman
1929 Mr. Chan Tin Sion's	Apollo	Mr. L. Frost
1930 Mr. Chan Tin Sion's	Fride of Tsingtau	Mr. L. Frost
1931 Mr. L. Dunbar's	Glengloes	Mr. L. Frost
1932 Mr. A. M. L. Soares's	Sadler	Mr. F. M. L. Soares
1933 Mr. L. Shu Pang's	Soldier of Britain	Mr. N. Delitz

It will be observed that Mr. Gussie Roza has not as yet figured among the list of jockeys but his prospects are very rosy to-morrow and I hope him good luck. The following will probably weigh out:—

Cosack's Beauty, Mr. Liang Gladator, Mr. East, Saligia, Mr. Harriman King's Warden, Mr. Roza Soldier of Britain, Mr. Dietz and a good race is assured. Gladator was very lucky to beat King's Warden in the Glasgow Handicap at the last Meeting and to-morrow will meet on the basis of weight for inches as per scale. Should the going be on the hard side, Soldier of Britain is my fancy and then comes King's Warden to be followed by Gladator. Cosack's Beauty has just as much chance as anybody and King's Justice has the same claim. Mr. T. E. Pearce has sold King's Jubilee and King's Justice to Mr. G. A. Harriman and the latter pony will run in the Champions under the new colours.

DAILY DOUBLE FIRST LEG

The Deemster's Last Opportunity

The first leg of the Daily Double is on the last Chance Handicap over a mile confined to Subscription Griffins of this season that have not won a race at the Extra Meetings and there are only five ponies entered. Tin Ho, having won a race at Macao last Sunday, has to carry 175 lbs. and I am told on good authority that he will accept. As a matter of news to punters, this load will not kill Tin Ho, but whether he will win or not,

TWO CLOSING EVENTS

Racing Boy And
Halcyon

The Tardy Handicap which is the second selected race of the Daily Double will draw the biggest field of the day for "C" Class Ponies. Being the last Meeting of the season, many good "uns have been barred for this event and therefore it is not so easy as it looks in spotting the winner. Mayflower holds the post of honour with 168 lbs. and I heard that Mr. Roza has been asked to ride the pony.

It is rumoured that Mr. Tang Man-wa will steer Foxbridge and with jockey allowance, the mare should be dangerous.

Spinaway returned to his form in the Victoria Handicap at Macao last Sunday, and would have won if he hadn't bored in. He is set to carry only 145 lbs. and, Racing Boy and Royal Romance are also on the same level. I like Racing Boy. Valorous has been kindly treated and I expect to see him well in the fighting line at the finish. Zero is also well in with only 147 lbs. to shoulder but I am afraid that the distance is not to her liking. Lemberg is worth \$5—each way. Night View and Pacific Hall are, in my estimation, moody animals and the best is to leave them alone.

FINALE HANDICAP

The Finale Handicap for Australian Ponies which have not won more than \$1,250 will be the last race of the season, and both Snucy, Pace and Southern Cross are at the top of the ladder with 165 lbs. Atlas, who is set to carry 157 lbs. has a good chance in scoring his first win of the year and Alucity is dangerous at 141 lbs. Lady Southern's Halcyon was given a smart sprint over six furlongs last Wednesday and he covered the distance in 1:25 finishing the last quarter in 28 seconds. With Mr. Proulx at the helm, Halcyon should be among the first three and I sincerely hope that her Ladyship will have the pleasure of leading in the pony final.



Able Amazon, may be barred from the betting to-morrow's Queensland Autumn Champions.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Army Eleven For Match
Against Club

The Army and the Hongkong Cricket Club will be engaged in a League cricket match on the latter's ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m.

The following players have been selected to represent the Army:—

Mayor V. J. Bonavia (R. A. M. C.), Capt. L. J. Walsh (R. A. S. C.), Lieut. the Hon. R. C. Clere-Hughes (Royal Welch Fusiliers), Lieut. J. R. Johnson (Royal Welch Fusiliers), Lieut. J. P. Williams (East Lancashire), Lieut. C. C. Gerthwaite (Royal Artillery), C. S. M. Elvin (East Lancashire), Serjt. Daniels (Royal Engineers), Cornl. Ballard (R. A. S. C.) and Fusilier King (Royal Welch Fusiliers).

The scorer will be Cornl. Peddley (R. A. M. C.) and the umpire, Pte. Hignett (East Lancashire).

ing out round the bond, should be able to collect second place money. Sgt. P. does not appeal to my eyes as being in condition and P. might have been in the walking list. Beginner's luck might have the start and the absurdity of being him up is beyond my comprehension.



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Olympic Games Feuds Have Begun

Bickerings & Snarls ALWAYS HAPPENS

(By Trevor Wignall)

Will there ever be Olympic Games not surrounded by squabbles, disputed decisions and international bickerings?

The Games were revived in 1896 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin to encourage amity between nations, but almost all they have contrived to manufacture so far are misunderstandings and general snarls.

The next are due to be decided in Berlin next year, but for weeks past sections in the United States have been aflame with indignation at the very thought that Americans will compete.

The leader of the opposition is Mr. Jeremiah Mahoney, a former New York Supreme Court Justice, who is also president of the Amateur Athletic Union, which is one of thirty sporting bodies represented on the American Olympic Committee.

"NAZI INVITATION WITHOUT CORDIALITY"

His attitude is that Jews are not being given a fair chance to participate in the Berlin Games. This has been denied by those who wish America to be represented, but Mr. Mahoney's prompt reply was that the "Nazi invitation is a subterfuge without cordiality or real sportsman-ship."

Mr. William B. Chamberlain, the secretary of another American organization called the Committee on Fair Play in Sports, has advanced the opinion that the issue is not Jewish against Germany, but fair play.

There has been considerable controversy in American newspapers, one side claiming that the Games belong to athletes and not to politicians, and the other side answering that the Jewish race are, and have been, badly treated.

Whether America will eventually compete is still in doubt; but the point of most interest is that for thirty-five years there have been agitations.

WHEN AND WHY THEY SQUABBLED

In 1900 the French protested against opening the Games on Bastille.

Day, while the Americans objected to being called on to run and jump on Sundays.

In 1904, in St. Louis, U.S.A., only four foreign countries competed.

In 1908, in London, there were a series of incidents, which resulted in a call for the Games to be discontinued. American and Swedish teams were omitted from the general scheme of decoration, Russia claimed that Finland should carry the Russian colours, Ireland was angered by the adding of its points to those of England, the American tug-of-war team withdrew because of the boots worn by the British side, and Italy was irritated when Ricci D'Amico was disqualified in the marathon and the first place awarded to the American, Johnny Hayes.

In 1912, in Stockholm, there was tumult when Jim Thorpe, the American Indian, was disqualified after winning the pentathlon and the decathlon.

In 1920, at Antwerp, the U.S. team rebelled because they disliked the food supplied, and because they were sent to live in an empty schoolhouse.

In 1924, in Paris, there was a sensation when a Frenchman was accused of biting an Englishman.

In 1928 Amsterdam provided a series of dissensions. England withdrew its football team, the French refused to appear in the opening parade, and decisions of referees brought uproar.

In 1932 the Los Angeles Games were comparatively friendly, but even in the Californian town there were troubles, Finland being particularly annoyed when its greatest runner, Paavo Nurmi, was declared a professional.

QUARREL OVER 1940 GAMES BEGINS IN 1935

Even at this moment there are people in Italy and Japan who are quarrelling about whether the 1940 Olympics shall be held in Rome or Tokyo.

Germany is spending a lot of money in advertising the Berlin events, but there was one curious affair a week or so ago. I with other journalists, received a card of invitation to visit the German Embassy for the purpose of listening to a lecture on the Berlin Games by Dr. Theodor Lewald, the head of the German Olympic Committee.

A few days after the acceptance had been delivered another printed card was received. It announced that owing to unavoidable circumstances Dr. Lewald was unable to attend on the date given, and that the lecture was postponed.

The Olympic Games seem fated to be the cause of rows and controversies.

SURPRISE DEFEAT

**SERVICES HOCKEY
TEAM BEATEN**

LADIES' TOURNEY

In preparation for their forthcoming hockey match against the Civilians, the Combined Services held a practice at King's Park yesterday afternoon and met with a surprising defeat at the hands of the 2nd Mountain Battery, H.K.S.A., team by the score of three goals to one.

The score at the interval was 1-0 in favour of the Battery team. Charan Singh, Aya Singh and Lieut. P. N. Hamant were the scorers for the Battery, while Pte. Taylor scored the Combined Services' solitary point.

The game was featured by fast exchanges; but it was spoiled somewhat by too much whistle.

The Combined Services team was as follows: Commander, Garwood; Commander, Broome and Lieut. Rolleston; Dulka Singh, Lieut. J. P. Williams and Alf Din; Khuda Bux, Lieut. Wraith, Lieut. Miers, Pte. Taylor and Lal Singh.

LADIES' MATCHES

Two further games, in connection with the Ladies' Hockey Seven-a-Side tournament, the finals of which will be decided on Saturday, December 21, were played at King's Park yesterday afternoon and in both fixtures extra time was called.

The Combined Services Association "A" met and defeated the Battery, British School "B" team by two goals to one. All the goals were scored in extra time.

D. Hunt and E. Rousseau were responsible for the Association's goals, while P. Stringer netted for the School.

Outstanding for the winners was D. Moss, who played well in defence, while P. Stringer, M. McCaw and M. Fraser were the pick of the School team.

Y.M.C.A. LADIES WIN

The Y.M.C.A. Ladies "A" defeated the Club de Recreation Ladies "A" by one goal to nil. The point was scored by S. Datzel in extra time, the score sheet being blank when full time was called.

CLUB SECONDS

The following will present the Hongkong Hockey Club seconds against the "Incognitos" on the Club ground at 6 p.m. to-day:

Van der Walt; A. A. R. Botelho and R. H. D. Lane; A. Tate, E. G. Dal and K. E. Colter; H. R. A. Wood, D. K. K. P. J. Senior, A. J. Bennett and O. G. G. Allen.

PLAYER INJURED

**D. McLELLAN HURT DURING
SCHOOL MATCH**

D. McLellan, the well-known local sportsman, twisted his right ankle at King's Park yesterday afternoon while playing in a football match for the Central British School against the Y.M.C.A. Government School.

The final result was a draw of two goals each, the score at the interval being—Street played a good game for the C. B. S.

McLellan will be unable to participate in the Civilians' hockey trial on Sunday as a result of his injury.

Annual Report Of Hongkong Golf Club

The report to be submitted to the Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at the General Meeting to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Friday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m. is as follows:

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting the Accounts for the period 1st October, 1934, to 30th September, 1935.

During this period 42 full members joined the Club; 3 non-playing members, 89 subscribers, and 31 members of the Junior Section were also elected, the membership standing as follows on 1st October:

Honorary Members (2 absent) 4
Life members (6 absent) 7
Playing Members (present) 559
(absent) 752

Non-playing Members (12 absent) 31
Junior Section Members (39 absent) 148

Subscribers (present)—

Royal Navy 52
Army 40

Total (including 290 absent) 1,570

Lady Associates:—

Honorary & Life Members 4

Playing (362 absent) 724

Non-playing (43 absent) 145

Junior Section (9 absent) 39

(1 absent) Non-playing 2

Total (including 417 absent) 914

A match against the Shanghai Golf Club was played in October 1934 at Shanghai, and lost by eight points to one.

The Club Championship of 1934 was won by Mr. D. S. Robb, Mr. A. McKellar being the Runner-up.

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Lighter Golf Ball Experiments

**VEXED QUESTION
RE-OPENED**

Once again the question of the power of the golf ball is interesting the authorities, who several years ago appointed a special golf ball sub-committee of the Royal and Ancient Club to consider the matter.

Some members of the Rules of Golf Committee hold the opinion that the present-day ball travels too far, and an unofficial test with a ball the same size but lighter than those in general use was made in a match in London on December 8.

The ball, which had been specially constructed for the test, will travel about 30 yards shorter than the modern heavy ball, because of modification in the winding of the core. The players taking part were the leading members of the Oxford and Cambridge golf teams and a side of well-known amateurs including R. H. de Montmorency and R. H. Wethered, members of the Rules of Golf Committee.

The match may revive discussion on the vexed question, which the golf ball sub-committee never settled, of "restoring the balance between the power of the ball and the length of the average golf course."

The official ball of the United States is larger than the British, but has never been generally popular in Britain.

The average golfer has no desire to sacrifice length, and in several trials, official and otherwise, with golf balls of lighter weight or larger size majority opinion has opposed drastic change.

It may be assumed, however, that if the members of the Rules of Golf Committee who took part in the experiment consider a lighter ball an advantage, they may introduce a ball of lighter weight or larger size.

America tried a large ball 1.705in. in diameter, but it proved so unpopular that at present they permit a ball similar limit in weight to the British ball, 1.62oz., but 1.68in. in diameter, against the British limit of 1.62oz.

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SUCCESS**

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M.C.C.**

London, Nov. 20.

Declaring that the new leg-before-wicket experiment had been a great success, the County Cricket Advisory Committee at Lord's yesterday unanimously agreed to continue it for another year.

The rule states that the batsman is out if any part of him (except his hand) intercepts a ball which, in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket, was pitched in a straight line from the bowler's wicket to the batsman's wicket, or pitched on the off side of the wicket and would have hit it.

TEST PROFITS DOUBLED

The India touring team will be asked to accept this ruling.

At the Board of Control meeting a profit of £16,088 on the Test with South Africa last summer, was declared.

This compares with £7,540 during the tour of 1929.

The first-class counties receive £554 each, and those on whose grounds Test were played, £941. The Minor Counties are allotted £27 each.

The committee arranged 1937 Tests with New Zealand: Lords, June 26, 28 and 29; Manchester, July 24, 26 and 27; Oval, August 14, 16, 17.

FOUR DAYS FOR LAST MATCH

As in the case of the India team's tour, four days will be allotted to the last New Zealand test if the rubber depends on it.

As the M.C.C. team for Australia sails on September 12 next, the annual match, Champion County v. Rest of England, at the Oval, is to be suspended.

A Test trial (North v. South) will be played at Lord's on June 13, 15, 16.

TRAINING TIMES

**THIS MORNING'S GALLOPS AT
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Southern Cross	1/2	28.2	55.2	27
Warrington	1/2	30.4	1.10.3	33.4
King's Justice	1/2	37	1.00.1	29.1
Night Star	1/2	28.2	57	28.3
Snowy River	1/2	28.3	56	27.2
Festival Eve	1/2	33.1	1.00.3	33.2
Woolly Stag	1/2	33.1	1.00.3	33.2
Vixen Tor	1/2	37.2	1.02.4	25.3
Harvest View	1/2	31	1.01.1	30.1
Fly-by-Night	1/2	34	1.05.1	31.1
King's Warden	1/2	33.2	1.02	28.3
Alie Amazon	1/2	28.3	56.3	28
Philanderer	1/2	32.1	56.2	32.1
Bright Star	1/2	31.4	1.04.4	33
Soldier of China	1/2	35.1	1.04.4	29.3
Bag Tor	1/2	32	59.4	27.4
Unwound	1/2	29.1	55.2	32.1
Alacrity	1/2	30.3	56.2	25.4
Night View	1/2	34	1.04.3	30.3
Wadebridge	1/2	35	1.05.2	30.2
Foxbridge	1/2	34.2	1.04.3	30.1
Cold Morning	1/2	29.1	55.4	29
Belmont Star	1/2	34.4	1.00	31.1
Mayflower	1/2	30.4	1.03.2	32.3
Racing Boy	1/2	31.2	1.04.3	31.2
Plain View	1/2	33.4	1.07.9	32.1
Valley View	1/2	35.1	1.07.9	32.1
King's Fancy	1/2	29.3	58.2	29.1
Flying Tourist	1/2	35.3	1.08	32.3
Valorous	1/2	30.2	1.01.4	31.2
Gold Bullion	1/2	32.2	58.2	32.2
Linelight	1/2	35.3	1.08.4	33.1
Beginner's Luck	1/2	34.2	1.07.4	33
Forgemaster	1/2	34.2	1.07.4	33
The Tiger	1/2	32	1.04	32
Partnership	1/2	34.1	1.05.1	31
Soldier of Peace	1/2	34.3	1.05.2	31.4
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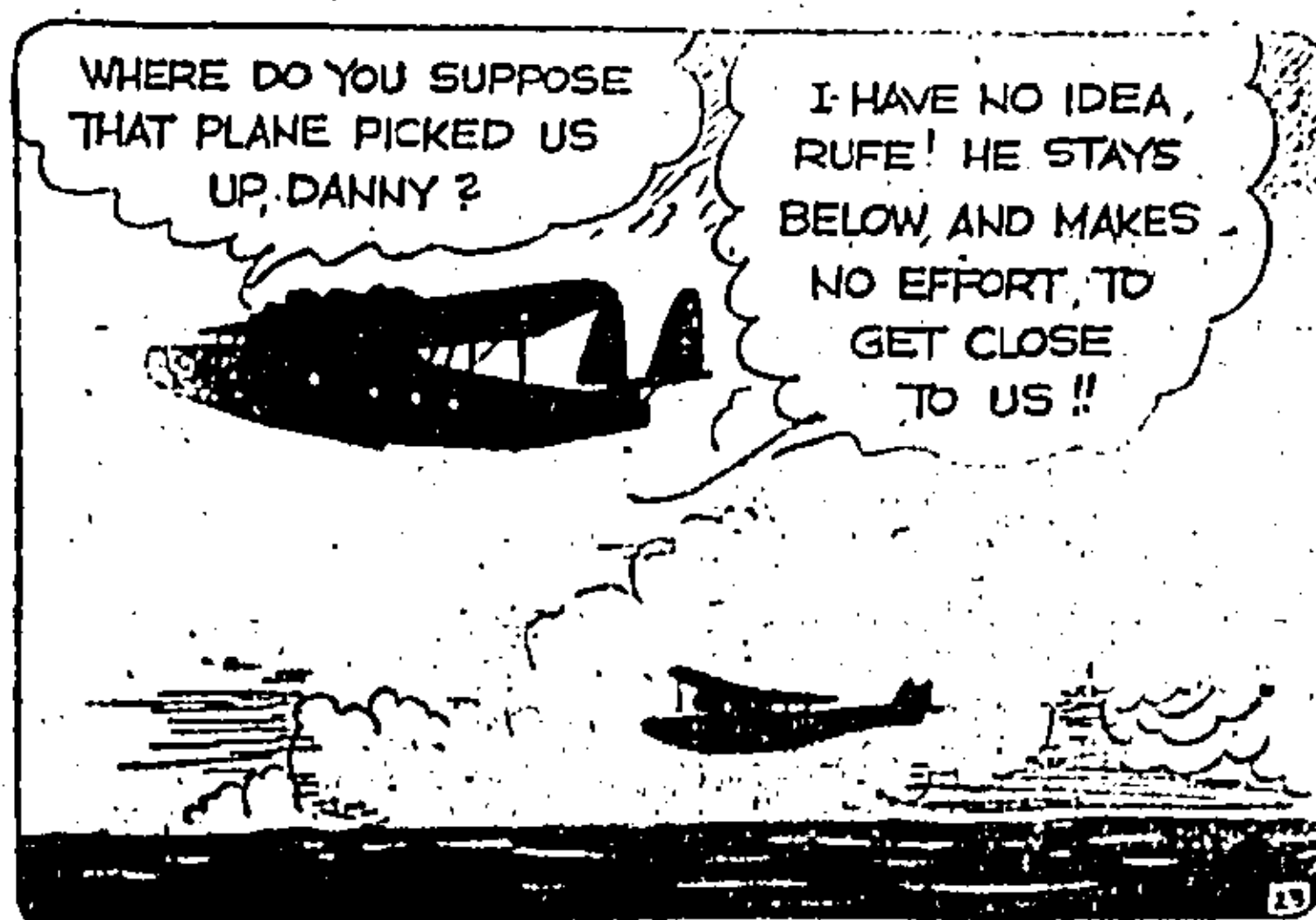
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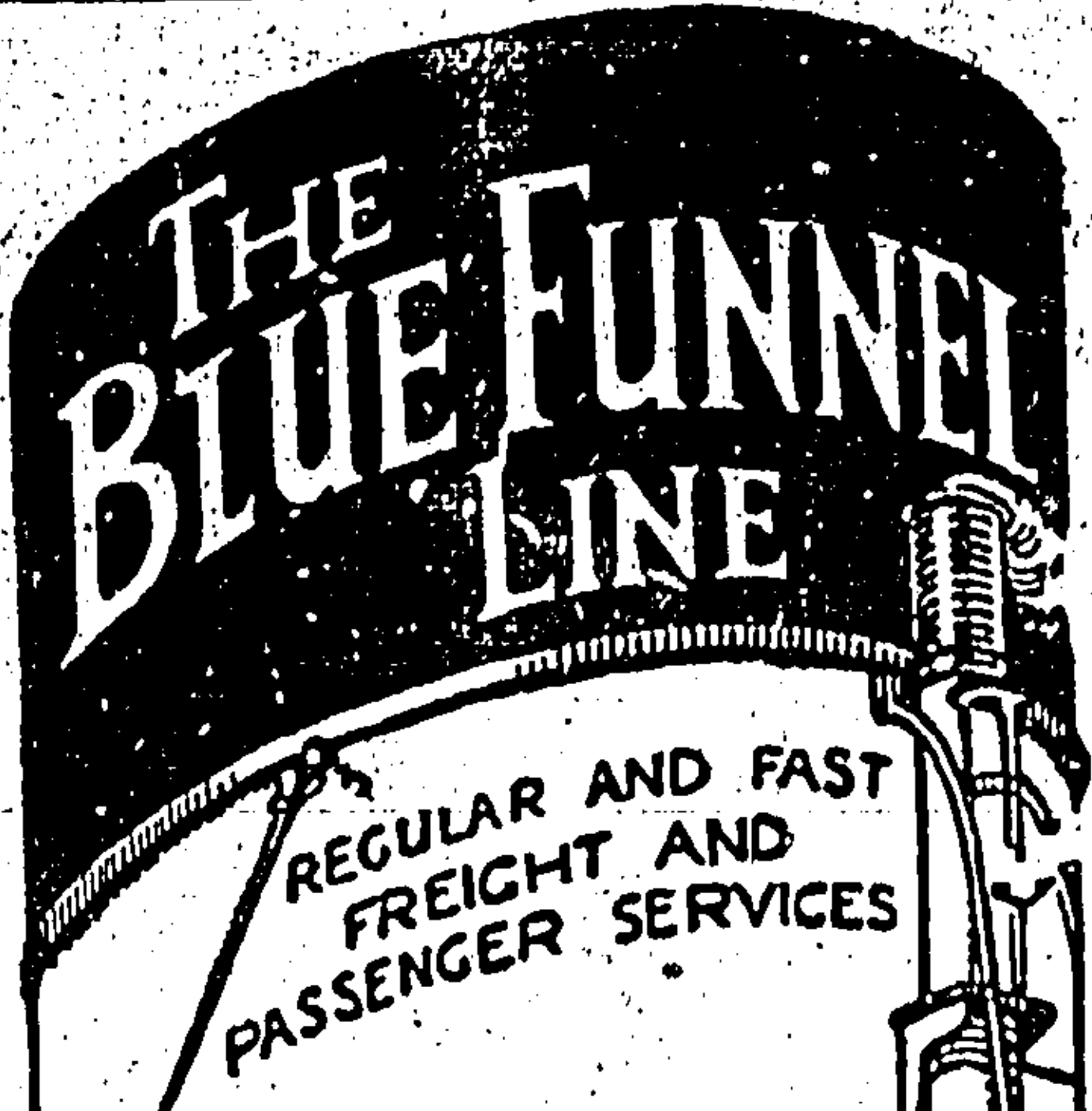
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SERIAL STORY—

BARGAIN BRIDIE

by KATHARINE HAVLAND-TAYLOR



"I wish I could take you back with me, Jerry," said Barrett.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

BARRETT COLVIN, 25, returns to New York after four years' absence. He is rich and has made a name for himself as an archaeologist. The first to meet him is his half-sister, MARCIA, a young woman, selfish and spoiled. Marcia is happily married now. Years before Barrett adopted her when a youthful flirtation ended disastrously. Marcia had a son whom Barrett adopted. She was worried because the boy's tutor, who threatened her with blackmail and declared her husband will never forgive her if he learns the truth, Barrett agrees to deal with the tutor, HARRY DEXTER.

As Marcia is leaving she sees ELLINOR STAFFORD across the street and offers to drive her home. ELLINOR has been calling on her wealthy aunt, MISS ELLA SEXTON. All Miss SEXTON's relatives (with the exception of ELLINOR) are eagerly awaiting her death, hoping to inherit a share of the SEXTON fortune. Marcia and ELLINOR depart. The girl, instead of going home, goes to visit her cousin, PHILIP SEXTON, and loans him \$25. Philip has been disowned by his family who remains friendly with him.

CHAPTER IV

Two days later Barrett Colvin, in Connecticut, stepped into his low roadster. His ward, who had been years with Barrett, stood near by, looking at Barrett wistfully. "I do wish you could stay longer!" he said. Then, with an effort, he forced a smile, adding, "It was nice of you to come. I'm glad you came to take the boy's hand. 'I'm coming back!' he promised, 'and we're going to have some good times!'"

He was tremendously attracted to Gerald who was clever without being too serious, who was, in short, the reassuringly normal, healthy-minded fabric for a man. Gerald would turn out well, Barrett knew, if he had his chance; and the visit had strengthened the intensity of Barrett's vow to give Gerald that chance.

"It was fine of you to come, Mr. Barrett, and to send me all those cards when you were away. I'd pretty nearly forgotten what you looked like. You see it was a long time ago that you went away."

"That's true," Barrett agreed, contritely. "Are you going to stay here a while now?" the boy asked. He tried, without success, to make his question casual.

"I will, I promise, Gerald, until it's easy for you to let me go."

"Gee whiz, don't see how you can ever go then!" Jerry commented, smiling.

"We all freeze that way," Barrett thought. He lightened his hand on the boy's. Nice youngster! Deserving of everything square and good! Odd how it made you feel so sharp, family traits, intensify, rather melted a heart and made you humble. made you want to make up for the things you hadn't had, to be certain there would be no gaps in the unfolding life.

"I wish I could take you back with me, Jerry," said Barrett without knowing that he had meant to say it. "Gee whiz, wouldn't that be great!" Gerald answered. His eyes brightened.

"I will—some day!" Barrett stated, and his chin squared. "And I keep my word," he thought, looking down on Jerry. "I wonder whether you know that?"

Mrs. Cook, in whose house Gerald made his home, appeared at the doorway. "You'll catch cold without your hat, Gerald!" she called sharply. Gerald's face changed; Barrett frowned, pulling on his thick gloves. He was not at all satisfied about the situation. Gerald had admitted that he would like a new tutor, that he had not "exactly liked" Mr. Dexter. Playing checkers with Barrett he had said, "This is fine—I like to play with you, but you see, nobody ever has time to play with me."

Rolling toward New York Barrett wondered perplexedly where he was to find the new, right home for Gerald, a home ruled by some comfortably, portly, well-to-do, middle-aged man, small boy's needs are not entirely answered by a full dinner plate and who would see to it that he was fed in all ways.

Marcia had been a criminal—and so had Barrett himself! But he had felt that his success might be made by a trip to the Gobi, and in that belief time had proved him right. He hated rich men's idle sons; he could not be one. Archaeology was not his hobby but his work and a work, to which he devoted his entire energy.

It was absurd, he realized, to reproach himself with the fact that he had not stayed at home to play nurse-maid to his sister's child. Yet he had known his sister, and his compunction persisted. If he reproached her (as he would not, kept by common sense from making a futile motion) Marcia would probably murmur, "But I thought, Barry—I really thought Annie had gone. I told her to go—I'm certain, dear!" And, this murmur made, she would be done with the matter. Barrett shook his head. There was no understanding how anyone could shake responsibility as Marcia did.

The boy was appealing too. Engagingly unspoiled, obviously a truth-teller and softened so easily by kindness. It was all too evident that kind natures were not common for him. "Damn!" said Barrett, half-aloud but feelingly. He could not remember being more ashamed and irritated. Shamed at having had part in an arrangement so patently unsatisfactory and irritated by Marcia's running true, as she always did, to her selfish type.

Organization? The devil with it! Allowing such tangles to be hidden, making them things to hide! Barrett was weary of lies, evasions, unfairness to those who could not declare their rights. He mused unhappily for some time on these and other dark facts. Then the feeling of the open quieted him a little, a feeling that is never found by those who must have company and "something going on."

The sting of the first hard frost was in the air. A few neglected pumpkins, puckered and shrunken by the bitter night, gleamed between shocks of corn. Wind rattled eerily through these, making, beside the purr of motor, the only other sound in the stillness.

Ahead in a hollow which was severed by the twisting, silvered macadam road was a wood where modest oaks, clinging tenaciously to summer garb, made brown patches in the gray of blended boughs and tree trunks.

Yes, it was good to be alive and to have a go at the old world in spite of everything, Barrett decided. Suddenly again he saw ELLINOR STAFFORD's young face raised to his. The vision disconcerted him. He had never had the least use for "old-fogies" hovering about spring flowers—men with thinned locks, thick waist lines and shortened breath who danced attendance on pretty young girls.

It was true that he was not in that class physically. He had kept remarkably fit. A man can not "pick under" a desert sun without some return in hardness! Still he was 35 years old and ELLINOR STAFFORD could not be more than 20 at the most, he decided—perhaps for the fiftieth time.

He tried to visualize her as she had looked four years ago, but the new vision covered and dimmed the old. He remembered suddenly that ELLINOR's mother had been called at that time the most beautiful woman in New York and that everyone, seeing her with her daughter, had wondered at the daughter's lack of grace, of

arresting loveliness or languid, wistful appeal.

When Barrett reached home he found Higgins waiting with several messages. Mrs. Radnor had telephoned and asked Mr. Barrett to telephone her between six and seven. A young gentleman named Dexter had explained his mission to Higgins but had promised to call another time. Barrett's square chin became dangerously set. He did not know what Gerald's erstwhile tutor, Dexter, could want of him but he knew exactly what he wanted from Dexter if he intruded—or tried to intrude. Barrett would enjoy the solace of pitching him out and he had not seen the man he could not deal with in this way if he wished to.

Higgins walked. Quite obviously he had something else to say. "Well?" Barrett prompted a little shortly. He had been put out by Dexter's darling to call. The matter was closed; he had dismissed Dexter. Miss Ella SEXTON sent you a note at noon, sir," Higgins said. "I went over to tell her you were gone from town, and she sent back word through Craven that she would like you to read her note as soon as you returned."

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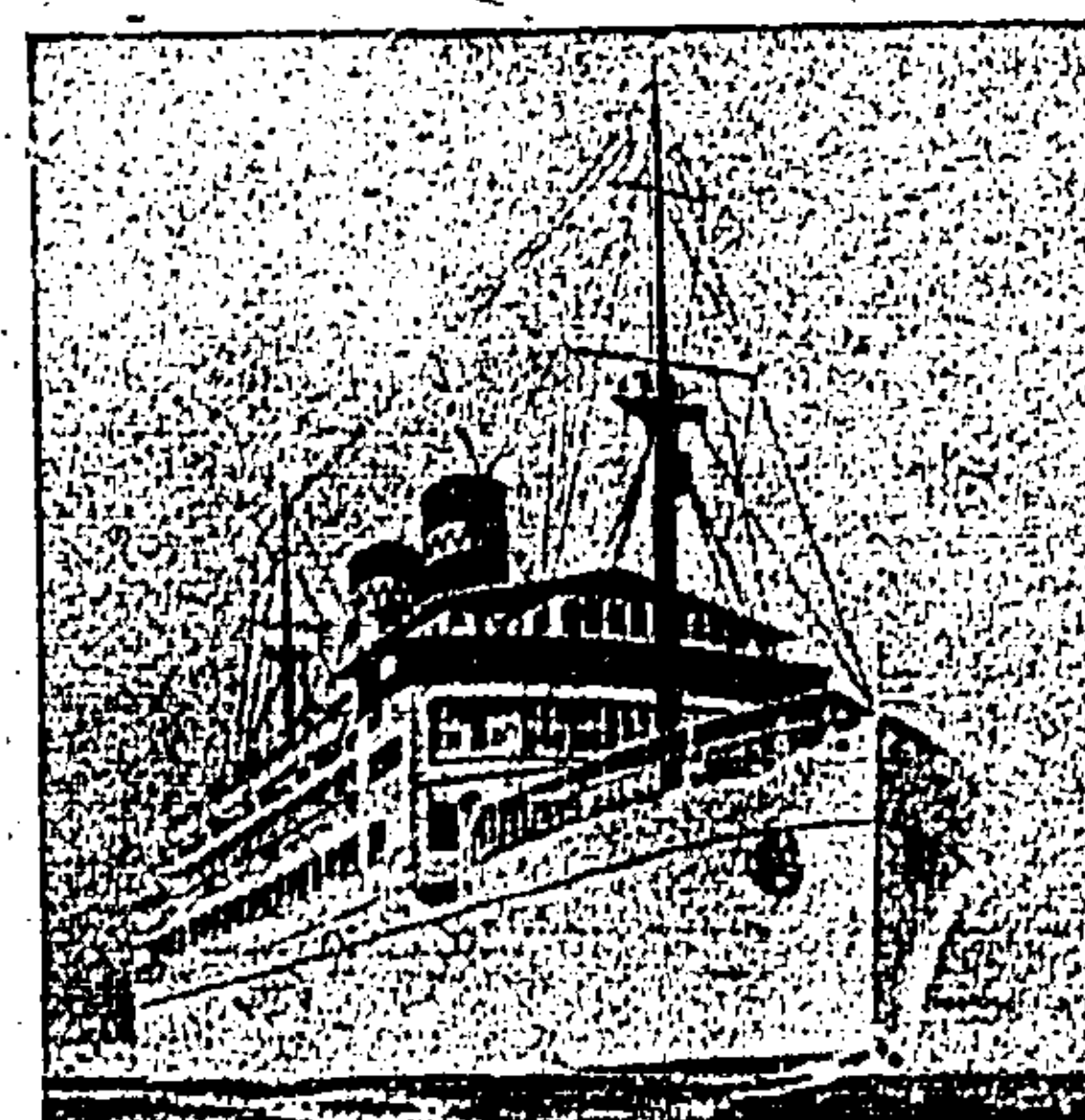
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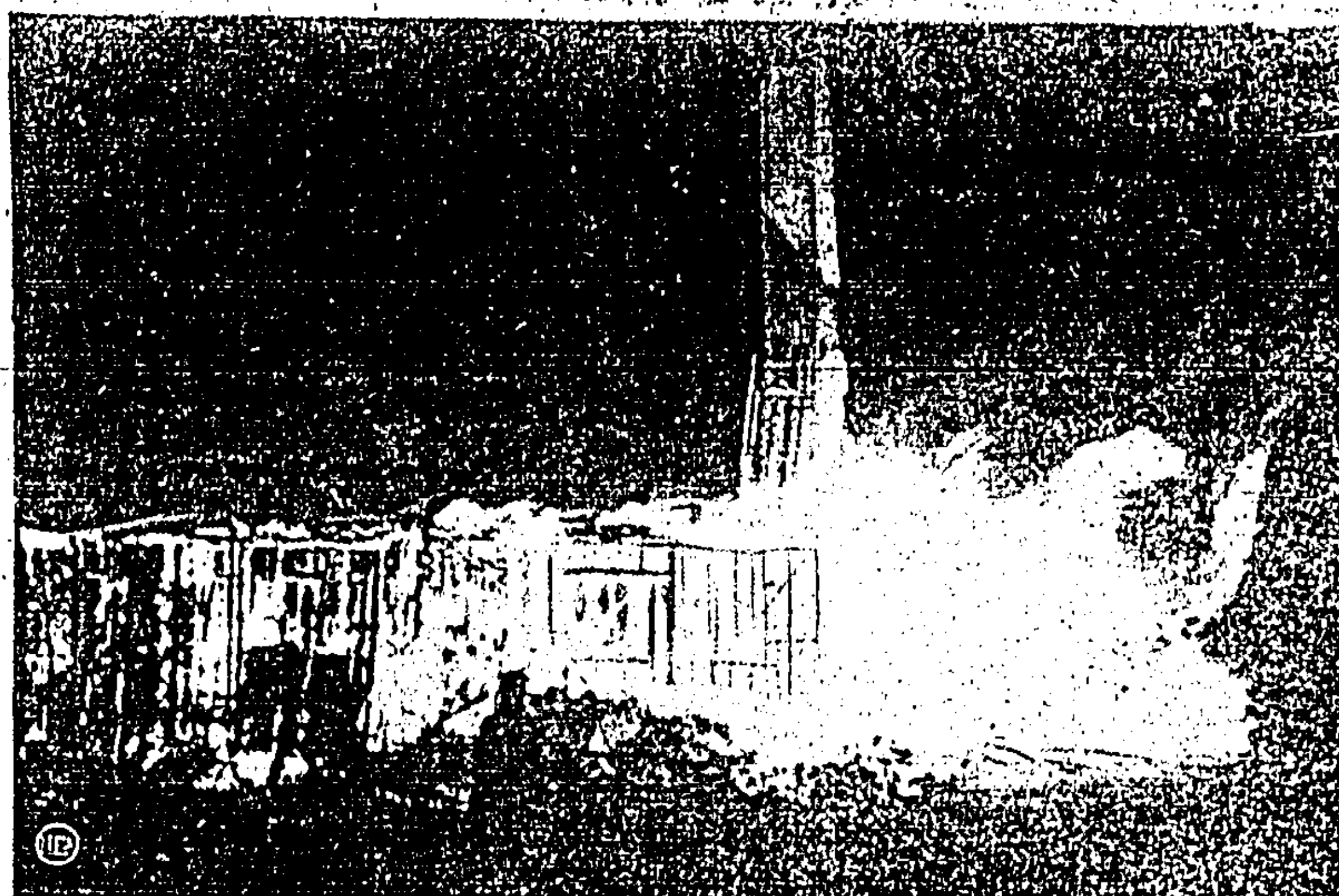
WHEN FLAMES SWEEP FAMOUS FILM COLONY



Human beings weren't the only ones to suffer as a result of the fierce brush fires which swept a wide area in southern California. Entire herds of horses, driven from the hills by the blaze, sought safety of beaches along the ocean, tails turned to the wind which sent flames out of control.



Sixty patients in the La Vina Sanitarium, in the foothills near Altadena, Southern California, narrowly escaped death or serious injury when a raging brush fire swept the area, burning everything in its path. Only the twisted remains of steel rods and a portion of the wall was left standing when the fire passed.



The \$24,000 home of Lionel Atwill, stage and screen star, burned to the ground in Encinal Canyon, near the Malibu Beach film colony, when a brush fire, burning along an 18-mile front, got out of control. For a time the entire colony was threatened by the blaze.

WORRIED KING



King Fuad of Egypt, pro-British, but greatly worried by present developments in his country, where student demonstrations are causing the King and his British advisers sleepless nights.

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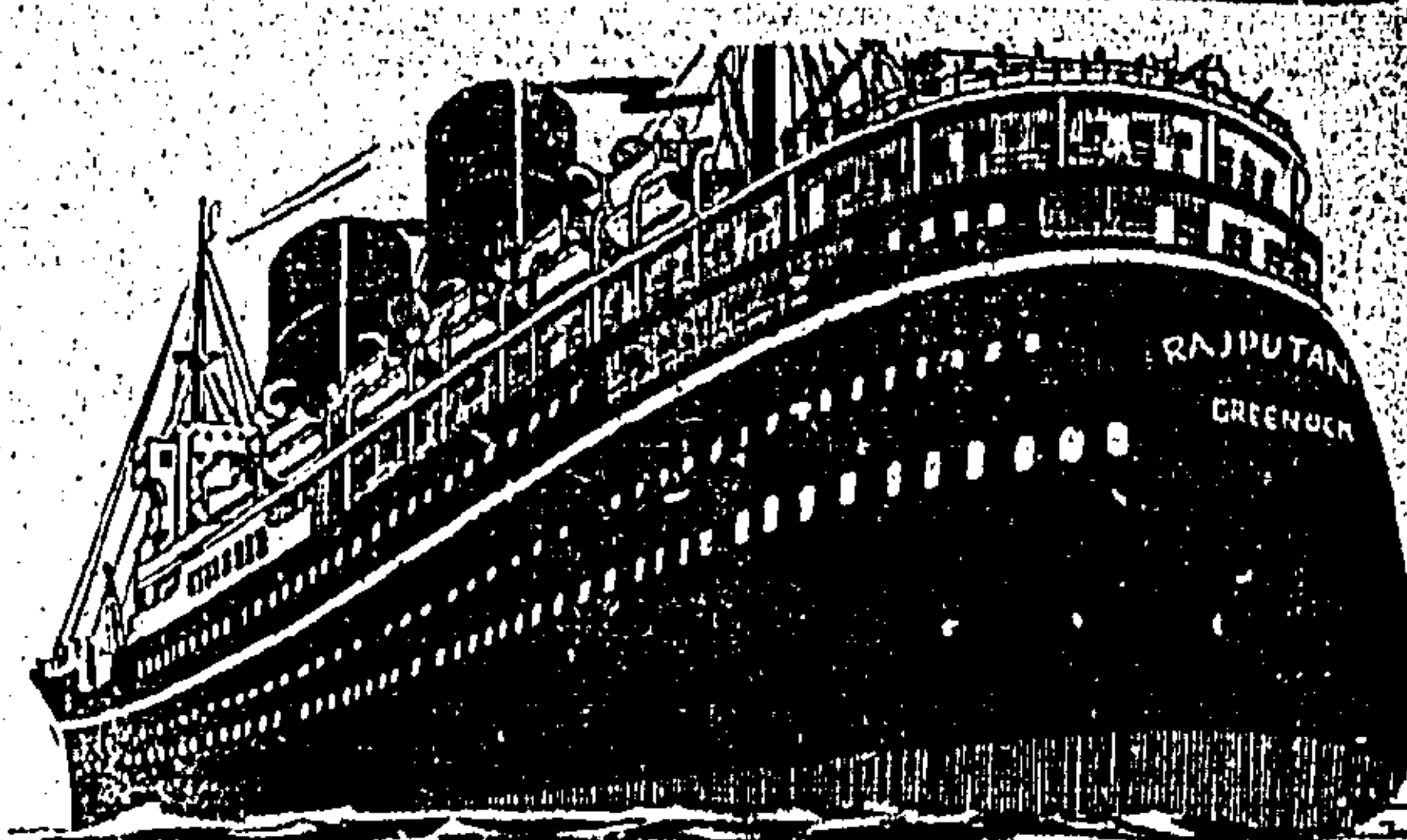
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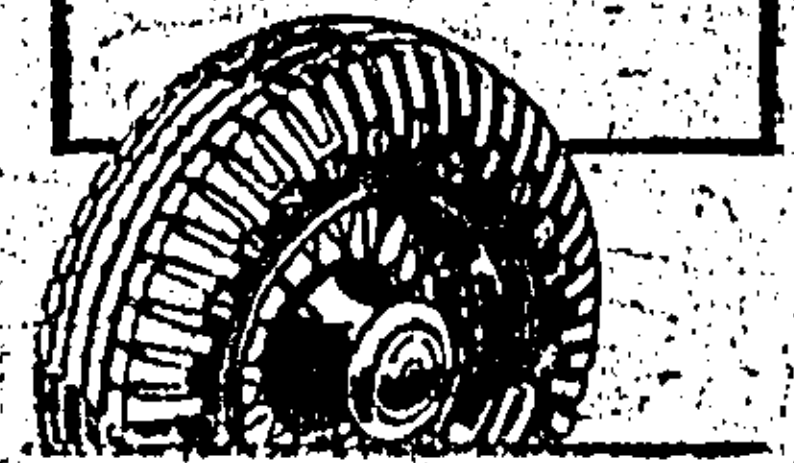
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LITTLE HOPE OF ACCEPTANCE

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LONDON PLEASSED WITH LEAGUE'S DECISION

London, Dec. 13.

A full dress debate on the Franco-British peace plan is expected to take place in the House of Commons on December 19.

Meanwhile, Geneva's decision to refer the proposals to the Council of the League instead of to the Committee of Five, has been received with satisfaction in political circles in London which expects the Council will exercise a controlling influence on the situation.

It is believed this development is largely due to the attitude adopted by the British Cabinet which from the first has insisted that the proposals should go to the League as well as to Italy and Ethiopia.

While it is denied that the proposals have created anything in the nature of a rupture in the ranks of the Cabinet, it is understood that there is a lack of enthusiasm for the peace plan among certain Ministers. But it is pointed out that the Ministers generally never regarded the proposals as a definite plan for the settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute.

Commenting, the *Daily Telegraph* says there is some abatement of the general feeling of uneasiness which has been manifested in Parliamentary circles concerning the proposals. This change is due to the belief that any settlement involving the transfer to Italy of large slices of Ethiopian territory stands no chance of acceptance.

The *Times* declares it is certain that a majority of the nations assembled at Geneva will refuse to countenance any one-sided solution, wholly favourable to the Italian aggressor.

The Paris proposals, it says, if they prove to correspond with the reports, cannot possibly be reconciled with the obligations of the Covenant.

The attempt at mediation initiated by M. Pierre Laval could not hope to succeed along such lines, and in fact has failed already.—*Reuter*.

FULL DEBATE

Geneva, Dec. 12.
Angry small nations to-day forced the Committee of Eighteen to agree to debate fully the Anglo-French peace proposals before the League of Nations Council on Wednesday, instead of submitting the plan to the Committee of Five, where the big powers would have a majority.

Mr. Anthony Eden and M. Pierre Laval are attempting to avoid discord, saying that any final settlement must be acceptable to the League.

The Polish delegate proposed that no action be taken on the embargo suggestion pending the Council debate and the Committee of Eighteen adjourned until Saturday without any action having been taken on the matter of this sanctions plan.—*United Press*.

BENEVOLENT CONSIDERATION

Rome, Dec. 12.
A spokesman for the Italian Government stated to-day:

"We hope the Paris suggestions will form the basis for negotiations, but excessive optimism will only create difficulties. The Government is studying with benevolent consideration the whole plan." It was intimated that it would be several days before Signor Mussolini replies to the suggestions.—*United Press*.

REJECTION LIKELY

Addis Ababa, Dec. 12.
The British Minister, Sir Sidney Barton, and the French Minister, M. Paul Bodard, will hand the Anglo-French peace plan to the Government to-morrow.

The terms will be forwarded by wireless to Emperor Haile Selassie at Dessale. Ethiopians believe that the Emperor will reject any plan which embraces the ceding of territory to Italy.—*United Press*.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE

Geneva, Dec. 12.
To-day's meeting of the Committee of Eighteen, watched by the whole world for any word or act which may indicate the future trend of events at Geneva with respect to the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, agreed to the suggestion of the Polish delegate that all international matters should be placed before the League Council, and not before the Committee of Five. (Continued on Page 12.)

PEACE TERMS MODIFIED

CONSIDERATION FOR ETHIOPIA

AT BRITAIN'S REQUEST

Paris, Dec. 12.

The modifications finally introduced into the peace formula for settling the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, made at the request of the British Government, were more important than at first was gathered, according to a source whose information emanates from Geneva.

This authority states that it is now proposed to grant the Port of Assab to Ethiopia, together with a thorough corridor to Addis Ababa.

The northern Tigre area, with Adowa, Adigrat and Takaze would be granted to Italy, it is proposed, but not the whole of the province. Italy would also receive Ogaden, but the whole of the remaining Ethiopian territory, including the zone set aside for Italian colonisation, would be placed under an international League mandate. Italy would have no right to organise its own police force in the colonised zone.—*Reuter*.

VOTE OF CENSURE

London, Dec. 12.
A vote of censure on account of the Government's part in the Paris peace negotiations is expected to be moved by a Labour member in the House of Commons at an early date.

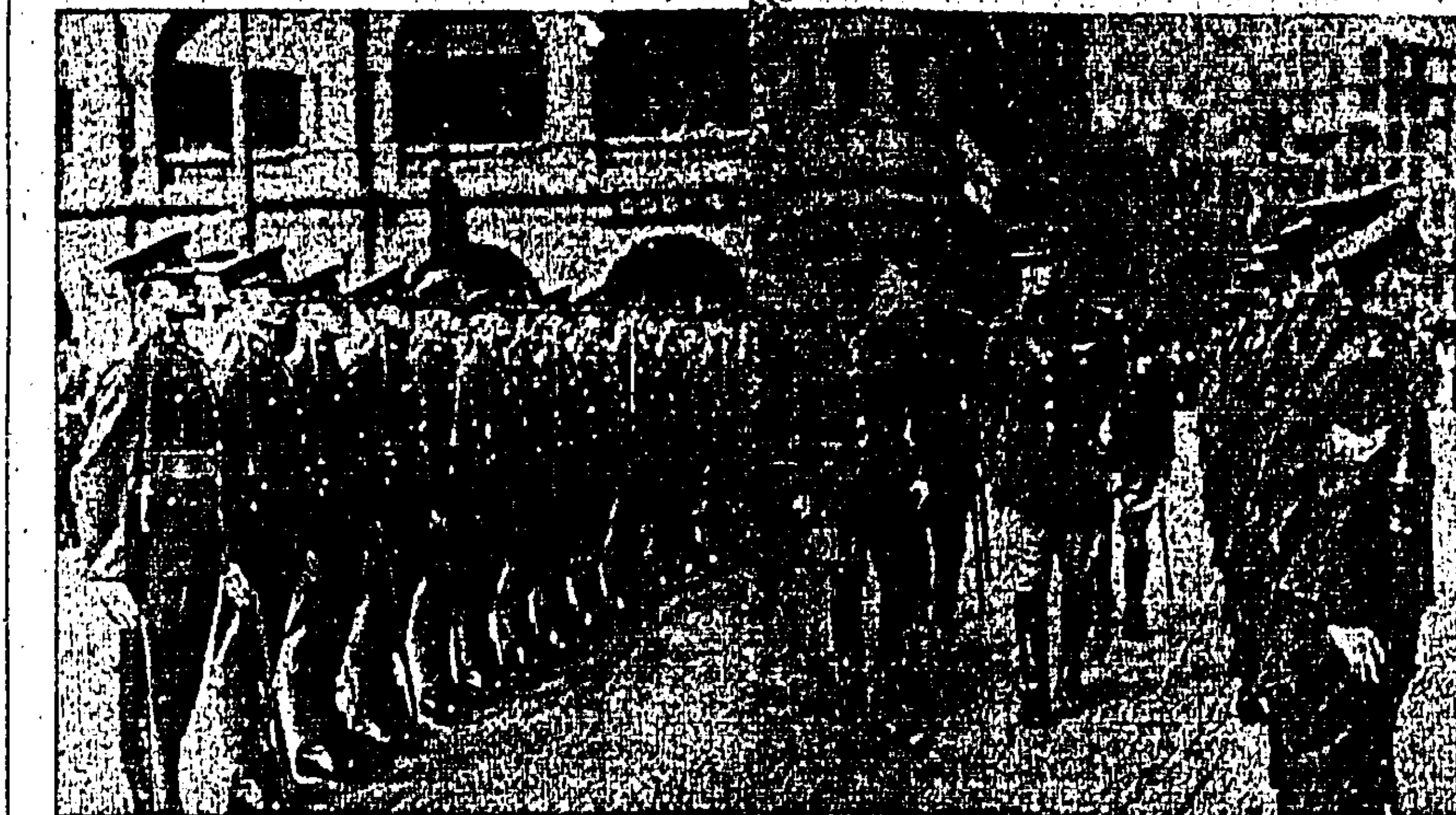
The Liberals have already tabled a motion condemning any settlement which violates the integrity and independence of Ethiopia in favour of an aggressor. A motion in similar terms has been handed in by six supporters of the Government.

Sir Samuel Hoare created the gravest error of his career as Foreign Secretary," said Sir Herbert Samuel in a speech in London, referring to the Foreign Minister's agreement with M. Pierre Laval on the terms of the peace to be submitted to the parties to the Ethiopian dispute.

He declared it was impossible for the League and Ethiopia to accept the Hoare-Laval proposals, which not only endorsed the fruits of the aggression but gave Italy what her arms had been unable to seize hitherto.—*Reuter Special*.

HO YING-CHING LEAVES

Peiping, Dec. 13.
General Ho Ying-ching left here aboard a special train at 8.30 last night and was given a great send-off. General Sun Chih-yuan was present.—*Reuter*.



His Excellency Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, new Commander-in-Chief of the British Troops in China, inspecting the guard of honour on his arrival in the Colony yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR TREATY

CONSTITUTION OF 1923 RESTORED KING SIGNS DECREE

(Special to "Telegraph")

Cairo, Dec. 12.
King Fuad has signed a decree restoring the 1923 Constitution.

The National Front, comprising the leaders of all parties except the extreme Wafdists, are signing a letter to the British Residency asking for a treaty on the basis of negotiations in London in 1930.

It is understood that if the signatories of the letter are assured of Britain's good faith with regard to the treaty, they are prepared to agree to a postponement of its operation until the present international crisis has passed.—*Reuter Special*.

Cairo, Dec. 12.
The British Residency has informed Nessim Pasha that the British Government will not object to the restoration of the 1923 Constitution.

Students have already started to celebrate the event.—*Reuter*.

China Studies - Nazi Army

MILITARY MISSION PROLONGS VISIT

Berlin, Dec. 12.
General Chiang Kai-shek's Commission, headed by Colonel Shih Tsien-hsi, has decided to prolong its stay in Germany for another month in order to complete its programme.

Colonel Shih, interviewed by *Reuter*, said he had studied the Nazi party organisation and its affiliated organisations, and will now devote time to studying the administration of Germany, its municipalities, and especially the organisation of the police, finances, education and social welfare.

At a farewell banquet to Mr. Liu Chung-hsi, Baron von Neurath, Foreign Minister, presented the departing Chinese Minister with a silver tray with the Reich eagle and the swastika engraved thereon. The Foreign Minister cordially thanked Mr. Liu for his sincere co-operation during his two years of office in Berlin.—*Reuter*.

DOLLAR AGAIN DECLINES

MARKET SOMEWHAT STEADIER

The Hongkong dollar again declined this morning, the Bank's official rate on opening being 1s. 3½d. The market was a little steadier on overall taking, the business rates being 7s. 3½d. for 100 days and 1s. 3½d. for 30 days. The underdone, however, is still rather easy.

CHINESE RECAPTURE TWO CITIES

CLAIM INVADERS ROUTED

JAPAN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

Peiping, Dec. 13.
Disturbing and conflicting reports continue to come from the Kuyuan area. But to-day Chinese advisers state that Kuyuan and Paoshang, two border cities, have been recaptured after severe fighting between Chinese and Manchukuo forces. The Chinese are now in control of these points.

However, it is believed that fighting on a large scale is still continuing between the Chinese and Manchukuo forces. Chinese reinforcements are pouring into the area from Tushikow. Thousands of refugees are flocking to Kalgan.

The Japanese are reported to have demanded the inclusion of the Kuyuan-Paoshang area in either the Manchukuo territory or the Demilitarised Zone, in pursuance of a plan

HOSTILITIES CEASE

Peiping, Dec. 13.
Hostilities have ceased on the Chahar-Jehol border. There is no longer fighting in the Kuyuan area.

Chinese sources confirm that General Sung Chih-yuan and General Dolhars, representing the "autonomous provinces" and the Japanese Kwantung Army respectively, have reached an agreement whereby the Mongol militia is given control of the disputed area.—*Reuter*.

To drive a wedge into Outer Mongolia to counteract Soviet influence.

A Japanese report says that a settlement along these lines has already been reached.—*Reuter*.

CANTON QUIET

Canton, Dec. 13.
There have been no further student demonstrations to-day. The city remains quiet.

Japanese gunboats returned here from Hongkong this morning but the Japanese authorities declared there was no connection between their return and the demonstrations, as no break was entertained of any outbreak of trouble.

Yesterday's demonstration was carried out in a most orderly manner.—*Reuter Special*.

GOVERNOR WILL WATCH MATCH

When the Navy plays the Club in to-morrow's Triangular Tournament rugby fixture, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott will be among those present.

His Excellency expressed the intention of attending the match to-day. It was later announced that the band of H.M.S. Dorsetshire would be in attendance for the game and would render selections before its disembarkment and in the interval.

DUBLIN SENATE DOOMED

DAIL PASSES BILL OF ABOLITION

DE VALERA'S REFORMS

Dublin, Dec. 12.
Mr. Eamon De Valera's motion to send back to the Senate the bill for the abolition of that body of Parliament, which was previously rejected by the Senate, was passed in the Dail to-day by 70 votes of 67.

Mr. De Valera, concluding the debate, said that temporarily, in any event, there would be a single Chamber in the legislature.

Meanwhile, they would try what could be done; and he himself would be perfectly certain that their experience would be such that there would be no great anxiety to change the system.—*Reuter*.

SINGLE CHAMBER

Dublin, Dec. 12.
Mr. Eamon De Valera submitted his motion to abolish the Irish Free State Senate in a bill presented to the Dail this afternoon. It calls for the maintenance of a single chamber Parliament.

The motion was for sending again to the Senate the Bill to abolish that body, which was passed by the Dail on May 28, 1934, and was later rejected by the Senate and held up under the constitution for eighteen months.

Mr. De Valera announced the Government intended to ask the Committee of Procedure to see whether it was possible to add to the present stages of the bill in the Dail a further stage after the report stage, which would enable the bill to be reviewed and the Minister in charge to make any small amendment necessary, a movement that it is thought would enable the Dail to do practically everything the Senate is doing.—*Reuter Special*.

Trans-Ocean Airway

REGULAR ATLANTIC RUN IN 1936

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 12.
Plans to begin a regular trans-Atlantic air service by the summer of 1936 were announced by Mr. Robert W. Moore, Assistant Secretary of State, at the end of a conference of British and American representatives on the subject to-day.

Mr. Moore said the service would involve four return trips weekly and would be operated by Pan-American Airways and Imperial Airways.

Two routes would be used, the northern via Canada, Newfoundland and the Irish Free State, and the southern via Bermuda.—*Reuter Special*.

While working at the Kowloon Godowns yesterday, a labourer, Chan Chai-wah, received injuries and was sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

SILVER POLICY EXPLAINED

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(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Washington, December 12.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury to-day made a statement saying: "I am continuing to carry out the mandate of the Silver Purchase Act which says: 'The Secretary of the Treasury is directed to purchase silver at home or abroad' at such rates, times, terms and conditions which he deems to be reasonable and advantageous to the public interest."

He said that instead of buying exclusively in London, he is now buying in a number of world markets. He has made purchases abroad every day this week, but refused to reveal where. Experts have speculated that they have probably been in Montreal, India and Mexico, and possibly in China.

Mr. Morgenthau said that he was unable to discuss the failure of the Treasury to support the London market.

He said that the situation had very clearly revealed that the political economy in China, Britain, Japan, the United States, Mexico, Peru, India and other South American countries was predicated by silver prices.

It is being persistently rumoured in Wall Street that the Chinese Government offered the Treasury between 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 ounces which the United States declined.—*United Press*.

CONTINUING PURCHASES

Washington, Dec. 12.
Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, has issued a statement denying that the United States has stopped its silver purchases. He asserts the Treasury has bought metal every day this week, but that it had departed from its usual policy of concentrating its buying in the London market. He refused, however, to locate the week's purchases.

He declined, too, to say whether this departure would be permanent or whether any direct purchases had been made from China.

Mr. Morgenthau hinted that the price question might have been a factor in the present situation. He then read sections of the Silver Purchase Act calling specific attention to the passage governing buying "upon such terms and provisions as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem reasonable and most advantageous to the public interest."

WON'T DISCUSS DEVALUATION

Mr. Morgenthau declined to comment when questioned as to whether the action of silver would be considered. At the regular press conference he indicated his recent pledge to the Silverites "to carry out the Silver Act enthusiastically." That pledge still holds good, he said.

He admitted that the departure from the custom of buying silver abroad would be a step to strengthen the already growing belief that the Treasury may transfer its buying programme to New York.

It is estimated that the Treasury yesterday bought in New York about twice the amount acquired in London.—*Reuter*.

PAST PURCHASES

Washington, Dec. 12.
It is reported that the Treasury has acquired 101,774,000 ounces of silver since the beginning of its efforts to bolster the dollar.

The total consists of 56,943,000 ounces of newly-mined silver, 691,800,000 ounces transferred to the Treasury under the Nationalization Order.

The above report, which is complete up to December 9, indicates the fact that the peak of the buying movement was reached between October 26 and November 29, when 104,200,000 ounces were purchased, as compared with 80,200,000 ounces during the period November 29 to December 9, only 11,400,000 ounces were bought.—*Reuter*.


U. S. PURCHASES GAIN

London, Dec. 12.
The silver market's pious hopes of being able to fix the spot price in normal time have not materialised.

Although offerings are said to have been slightly less than yesterday's, America purchased more. The consequence was that the allotments (Continued on Page 12.)

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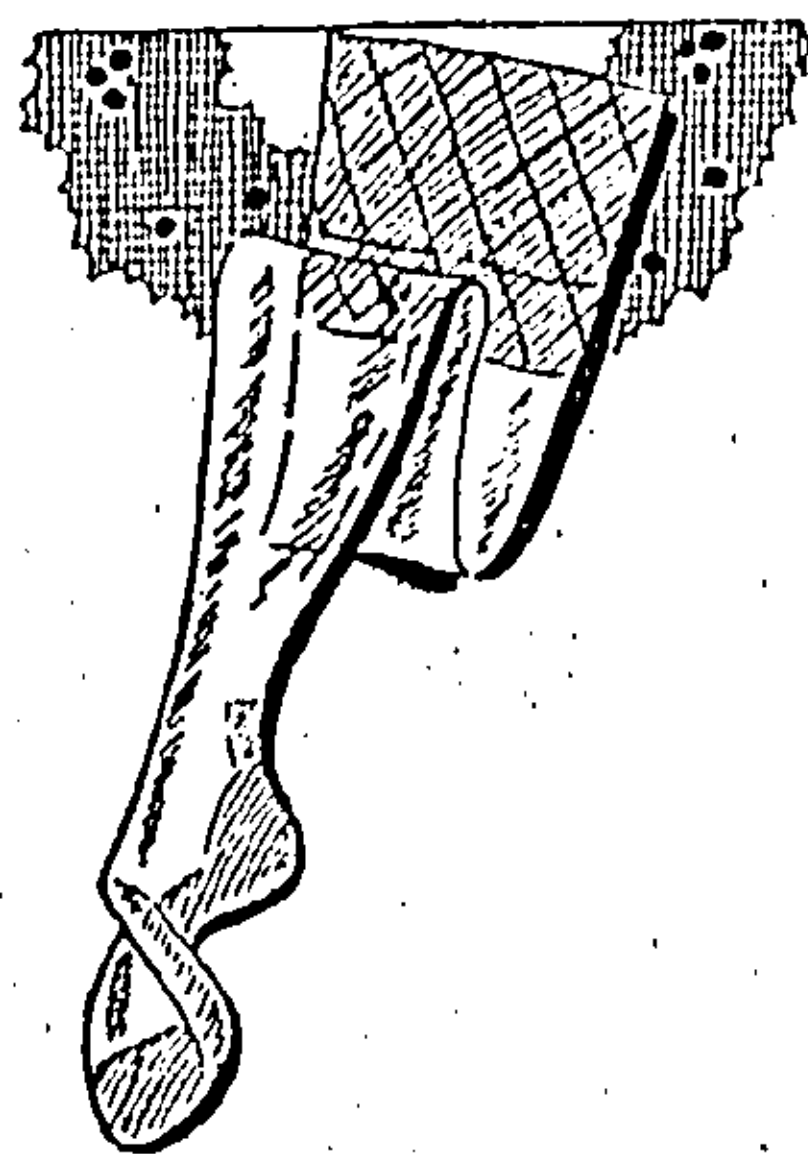
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Hopes For Naval Accord In London Are Slowly Dwindling

BASIC ISSUES ARE TOO GREAT

The world's attention is being turned from the battlefields of Ethiopia to the green table in Clarence House, London, where the delegates of five great powers have assembled for the naval conference. In the following, final article of a series of six, the Telegraph reviews some of the basic issues facing the conference.

At the very moment when Japan is consolidating her improved position in Northern China, as a result of which the western countries feel their own foothold in China slipping, the prospect of an entente between the United States and Britain, regarded as an effective means to restrain Japanese expansion, is dwindling.

Even during the 1934 naval parleys in London, observers noted the marked reluctance of the United States to enter a naval pact with Britain. Experts hold that the present is much less propitious for Anglo-United States naval collaboration.

HONGKONG'S REDUCED POWER

They point out that Britain's pre-occupation with the Mediterranean problem and the reverberance of the German navy are bound to reduce British naval effectiveness in the Far East and would thus throw upon the United States a larger proportionate share and risk of defending western interests in the western Pacific.

These considerations, even though unexpressed, will be uppermost in the minds of leading delegates to-day as they take their seats at the table of the naval conference. They may recall that during last year's conversations, a plan was at least privately ventilated whereby the United States and Britain would agree to refrain from naval building against each other—though such an accord, as envisaged, would contain an "escape clause" allowing each to increase its fleet in ratio to possible Japanese naval construction. This scheme, still in contemplation, may be revived on the sidelines of the conference which begins to-day.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ENTENTE

But any real naval entente between the United States and Britain, going beyond such a building truce between them, is regarded as less feasible now than formerly. Although strong influences in the British government and navy are believed to favour a close naval understanding with the United States, Britain's desire to remain on friendly terms with Japan is a countervailing factor.

On the other hand, the United States and Britain have shown themselves keenly aware of the influence of Japanese forward policy on their own Far Eastern interests. Observers in London and Washington have obtained the impression that the two Anglo-Saxon powers, are unable and have hitherto been unwilling to deal decisively and single-handedly with the situation that has arisen. Nevertheless, the belief prevails that the further Japan proceeds with the fulfilment of her mission in China, the sooner Britain and the United States will be called upon to make up their minds whether they should withdraw entirely from the Far East and recognize Japan's Monroe doctrine for Asia or devise effective means for thwarting it.

SITTING ON FENCE

In this dilemma, Britain continues to follow a middle-of-the-road course. With have even said that British statesmen have been sitting on the fence so long that the iron has entered their souls.

The Far Eastern situation does not stand alone, however. As the recent Japanese naval attack in London, Captain Arata Oka, remarked to the United Press corres-

BRITISH RED CROSS UNITS



Even the British Red Cross Society has equipped a mobile hospital for Abyssinia. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who inaugurated the fund for its equipment, is seen bidding farewell to one of the ambulance drivers on the departure from England.

Christmas Cards Of Royal Family

London, Dec. 10.

This year the King's Christmas card fittingly reproduces the scene in Westminster Hall when, accompanied by the Queen, he received last May the congratulations of Parliament on the silver jubilee of his reign. That was the occasion when the King, with tears in his eyes, humanly referred to "my dear wife."

The Queen, as usual, has chosen a floral design. The card shows a bunch of many blossoms and other wild flowers in a blue earthenware bowl. It is entitled "From a Country Hedge-row" and inside there is a verse:

"Nature's riches glad and fair
"Bringing sweetness everywhere
"Joyous gifts of sun and earth
"Filling hearts with song and mirth."

St. James's Palace, his own home, is the theme of the Prince of Wales's card. A bright blue sky with cloud effects makes a brilliant background for the dull red palace walls with a group of guardsmen in their scarlet tunics in the foreground.

The Duke and Duchess of York have chosen "Merrie England in the days of old", depicting a scene outside an old country inn with three horsemen just riding away.

The card of the Duke and Duchess of Kent is a figure study in browns and yellows entitled "A Breath of Spring" while the Princess Royal has chosen a beautiful picture of red, blue, violet and green, entitled "The Garden of Lost Memories".

In 1921 when the Washington conference was in progress, Europe was exhausted; now Europe is alert, nervous and arming. Europe is faced by new problems, such as the rebuilding of the German navy.

To this consideration, others emphasize, must be added the Italian-Ethiopian war and the unexpected emergence of acute rivalry between Britain and Italy in the Mediterranean.

In view of Europe's involvement in these events, it is felt that Japan is assured of encountering a minimum of resistance from the west in conducting her forward policy in Asia.

Apocryph of this situation, a well-known United States protagonist of improved Soviet-United States relations remarked, "a tripartite arrangement between Russia, the United States and Britain for preserving peace in the Far East could prevent Japan from completely driving out Britain and the United States from Eastern Asia."

10 O'clock Deadline For Women At Oxford

Oxford, Dec. 1.

A recent proctorial decree regarding the hours during which women may be entertained in the University has hurt the youthful pride of Oxford undergraduates.

They object to ten p.m. as the deadline for female visitors believing that the rule "reflects indignantly upon the morals and trustworthiness of students and their female friends."

This view expressed by an undergraduate in a University publication sums up the sentiment of the majority of the University, describing in mild terms what may be heard muttered throughout the town in far more lurid language.

Believing that the decree is an attempt to interfere with the private affairs of undergraduates and graduates alike, the author of the article states, "The precise reason why company which is considered permissible to students between 9 and 10 p.m. should be unsuitable between 10 and 11 is obviously a matter for the proctorial mind alone. Young Oxford will grow up if it is given a chance."

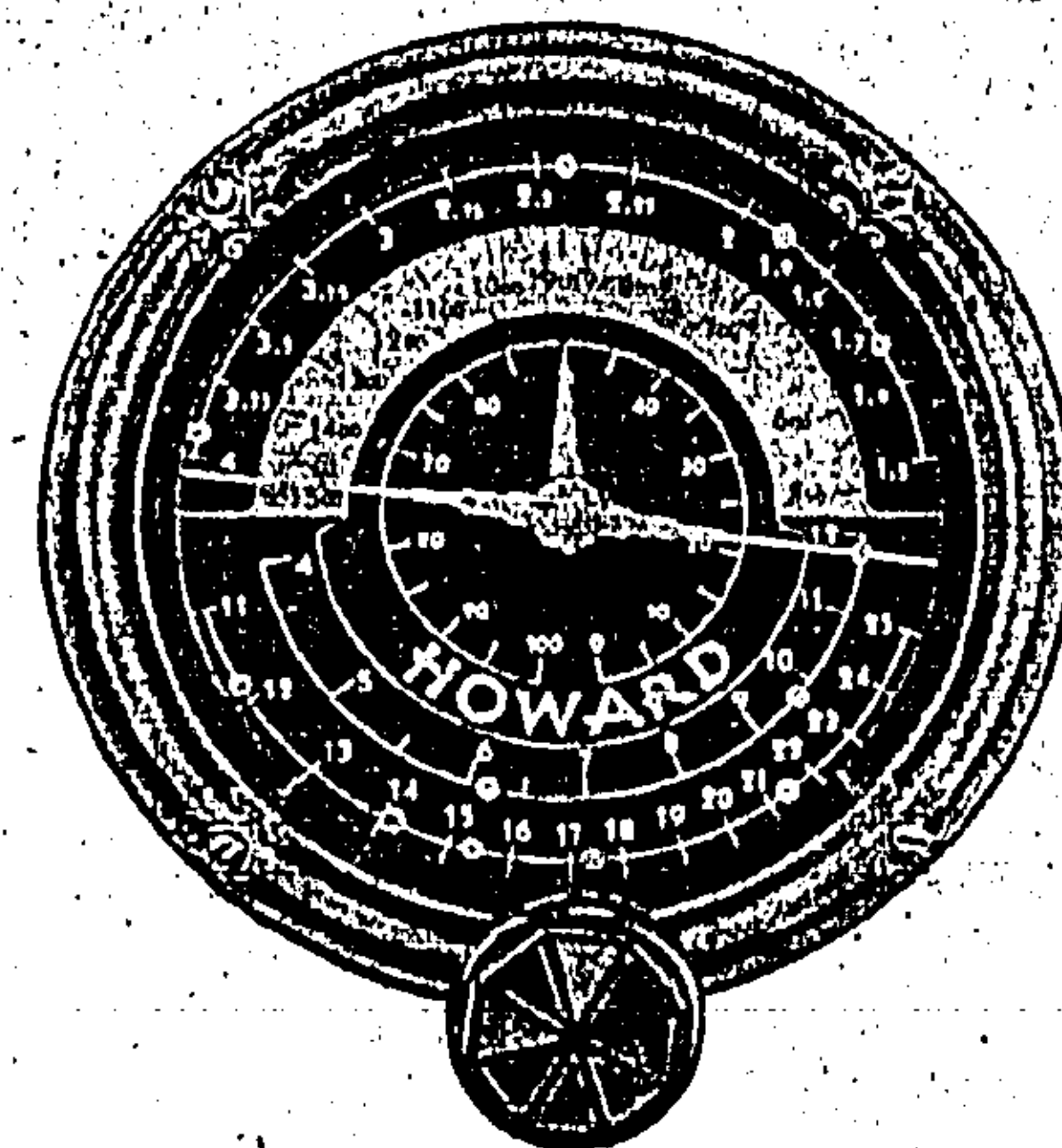
This feeling is reminiscent of perpetual agitation along similar lines in colleges and universities throughout America.

But where American students have a distinct advantage over Oxonians is in rules governing their own hours. At Oxford all undergraduates have to be inside the gates of their college or lodging house by twelve midnight every evening, or else. . . . And the owners of lodging houses, or "digs", are just as quick to report the late-homcomer as the college gatekeeper.

On one occasion recently a young lady was requested to leave certain "digs" at the zero hour of ten o'clock. She obeyed with alacrity. But no sooner was she outside than two precocious undergraduates helped her across a basement area and through an open window. Five minutes later the proud complacency of the group was rather rudely ruffled by the ever-watchful landlady, who peformtorily demanded the instant withdrawal of the offending heroine.

But then it is classic that women are virtually an irrelevant species in the lives of the Oxford authorities.—United Press.

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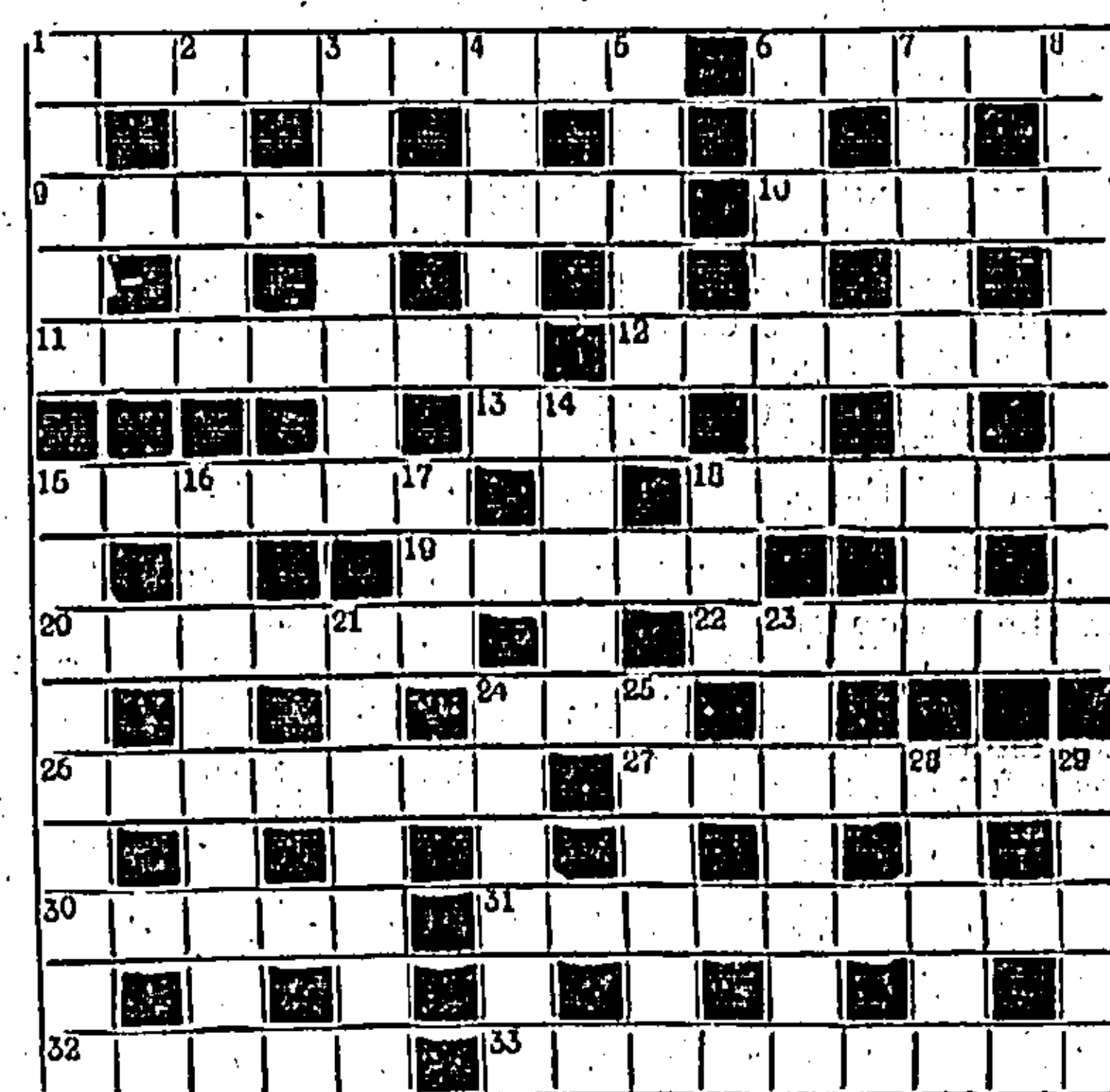
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- 12 Comes before drying.
- 13 Trains may run over this in fog.
- 15 Board, to get fat.
- 18 Inquiring Knights so regarded Arthur.
- 19 Refuse, yet not denial.
- 20 Farmer's help.
- 22 Edge.
- 24 Brief and British heat measure.
- 26 British isles, in North Atlantic.
- 27 Takes Russian tea.
- 30 Food to some, rubbish to others.
- 31 External slowways on ships, as it were.
- 32 Storms, but absent from weather forecasts.
- 33 He disagrees, and is sent in.

DOWN

- 1 A lot to scrape together.
- 2 Not at home in this.
- 3 Road up.
- 4 Hardened.
- 5 Verified scourge.
- 6 Beavers are.
- 7 Particular person needed here.
- 8 Tub-thumper who swallowed a

- 14 City giant.
- 14 Off colour.
- 15 Unseen slanderer.
- 16 Crossing.
- 17 Takes less than none to be not.
- 18 Alfred's not all there apparently.
- 21 Charms.
- 23 Worth for the politician in a rage.
- 24 This wire is a deterrent, though never cabled.
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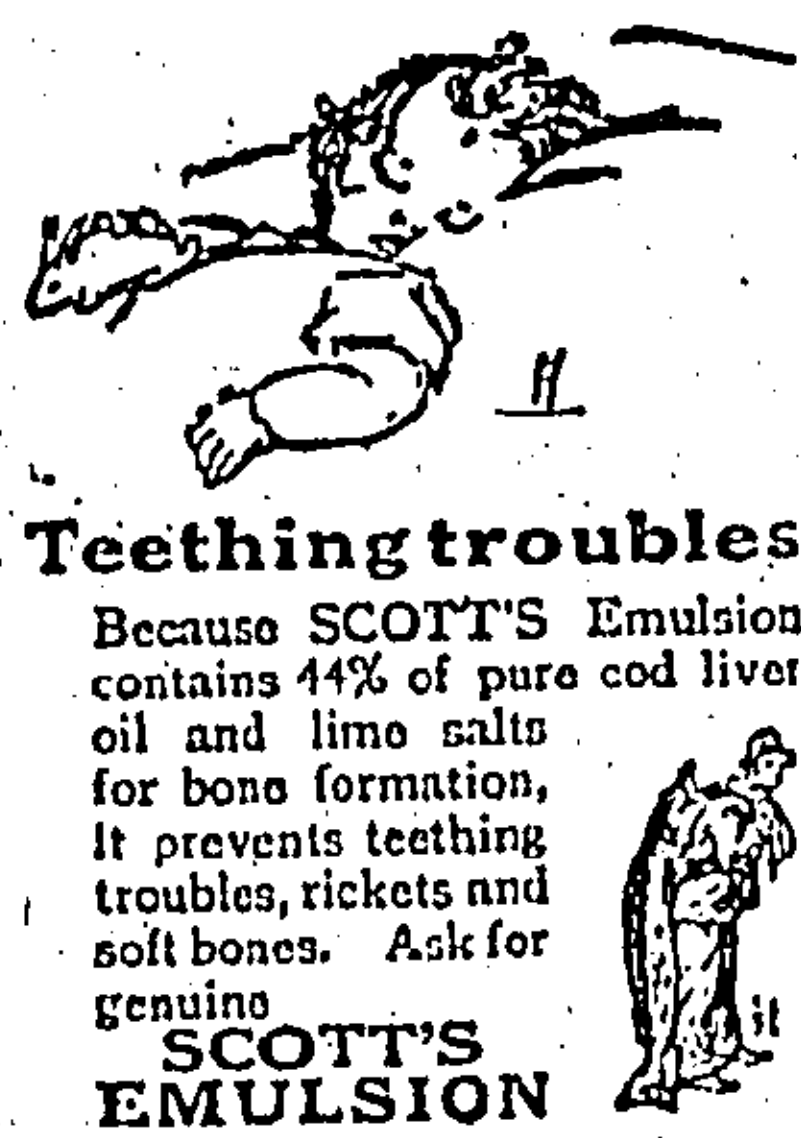
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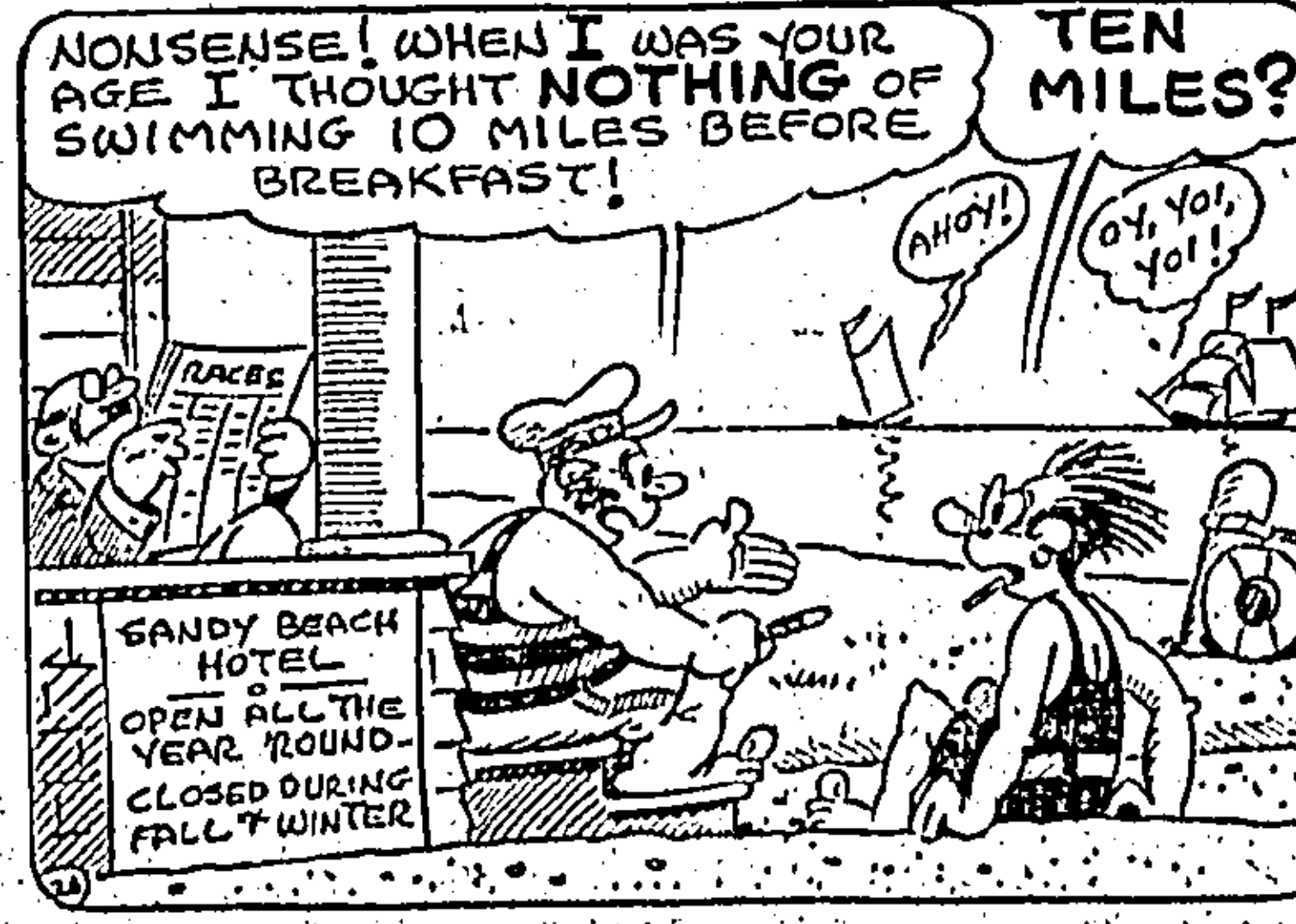
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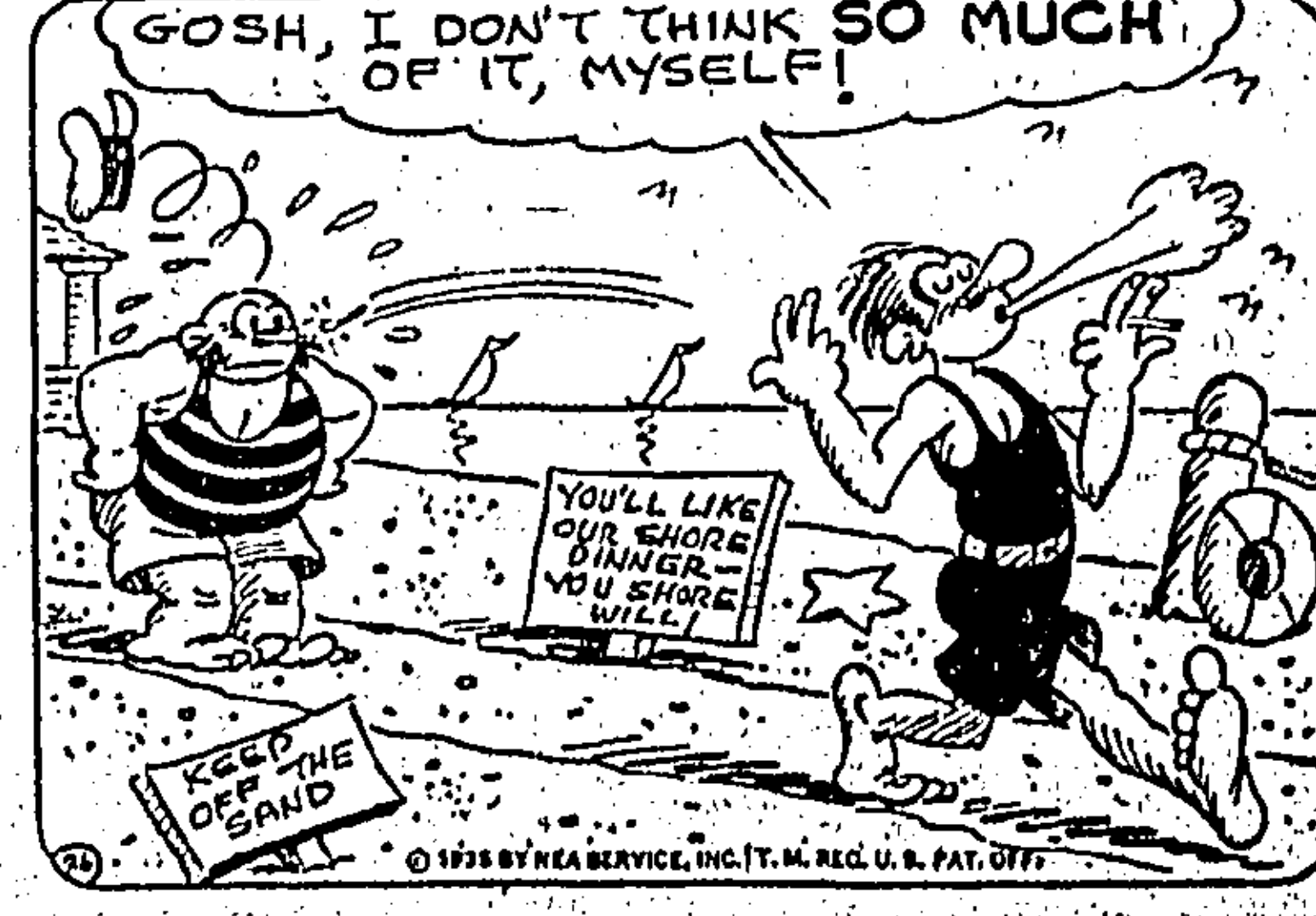
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Ras Getashu, the Abyssinian governor of the province of Sidamo, is a joyful and good-humoured man who enjoys a good laugh.

PROBING
SECRET OF
COSMIC RAYSNEW APPARATUS
TO BE EMPLOYEDOBSERVATION BY
GAS "BOMB"

New York, Dec. 1.

The most concentrated attempt yet made to wrest from Nature the secret of cosmic rays has opened on a farflung front.

The means are seven curious new instruments, whose principal mechanism is a 14-inch steel "bomb," in which, shielded against terrestrial radio activity by a surrounding jacket of 2,500 pounds of lead shot, pure argon gas will measure cosmic ray intensities.

Scattered over the globe, these instruments will trap the cosmic rays which rain on the earth from a source unknown.

One has been installed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Another is on its way to the highlands of Peru, where it is to be erected at the magnetic observatory of the Carnegie Institution, of Washington, under whose auspices the study is being made.

Other machines will be sent to the Danish observatory on the northern Greenland icefields. Another will go to New Zealand, and another to the University of Chicago.

All the instruments have been made in Chicago under the direction of Dr. Arthur Compton.

Plight Of Germany's
Outcast JewsNO HOPE: NO RELIEF
BUT DEATH

GERMANY enters on her second month of a persecution without parallel in history—the "cold pogrom" of Jewry.

Its aim is to banish utterly from all communal life 400,000 of her people; to succeed where more than two years of bloodshed and massacre have failed.

The state of the Jews in Germany now is worse than it has ever been before in the history of their race. There has never been anything quite like it in the history of the world.

The physical excesses of 1933 continue. Jews are still murdered in the concentration camps; they are still beaten in the streets, and are still paraded through the towns with defamatory placards round their necks.

But from this month the screw has tightened.

A Jew is defined under the new laws as a man or woman who has one or more Jewish grandparents, or one who was married to a Jew when the laws were passed.

These people face a hopeless future. They are to be deprived of their wealth, their rights—above all, the right to work among the rest of the German people.

They cannot live with their property. They must remain in Germany. They cannot earn a living.

CANNOT ESCAPE

They cannot marry Aryan Germans or even hybrid Jews. There is nothing they can do except to run round helplessly in circles until they die.

Any individual can report his Jewish enemy or competitor as having been seen in the company of an Aryan woman.

As a result Germany is fast becoming a paradise for the blackmailer.

Jewish doctors are being forced to sell, indeed practically to give away, their practices to Aryans.

First-grade milk has been refused to Jewish children at Magdeburg. At Coburg and Goslar Jews have been refused admission to the cinemas.

Every day sees the tragedy of a Jewish man who, no longer able to bear a future of threatening starvation for his family, goes off into the woods and shoots himself. No mention of Jewish suicides is allowed in the newspapers.

THE NOTARY

A Jewish notary, who lost an arm and won the Iron Cross in the war, received the order to surrender his seals within twenty-four hours. He killed himself.

Wealthy Jews are finding it almost as difficult to flee the country as the poorer ones.

First they must obtain permission to take their money out. This is seldom given, and a Jew is lucky if he escapes out of Germany with 20 per cent. of his money.

Many want to go to Palestine. But Palestine demands one thousand Palestine pounds for every Jewish immigrant. Every British consul in Germany has a long list of Jews who are waiting for permission to pay this.

Germany demands that Palestine in return should buy the same amount of German goods. That is why Palestine buys more from Germany than from Britain. Nazi Germany is cunningly profiting from her persecuted race.

NO CHILDREN

But German Jewry will not last for ever. Suicide, emigration, murder, the decrease in marriages, and the lowering of the birth-rate will eventually bring it to an end. Thousands of Jews, facing this hopeless future, refuse to marry and bring children into such a world.

The first census of 1933, taken after the great "exodus," showed there were 499,682 Jews of German nationality left in Germany. The present figure is only a little more than 400,000. Of these at least half are more than forty-five years old.

Most elderly Jews shrink from an exile that means starting life over again. The younger generation, for whom there is no hope in Germany, have only one wish—to go abroad.

Since the Third Reich was established deaths among German Jews have exceeded births by more than 4,000 a year.

Jewish emigrants average 12,000 a year.

At this rate, in less than twenty years there will be no Jews left in Germany.



George O'Brien and his actress-wife, Marguerite Churchill, two members of the famous Malibu Beach film colony, deserted their home when a raging brush fire got out of control and threatened the colony. Thousands fought an 18-mile blaze which raged for two days before being brought under control.

Men Chained Together
For 100 Days Meet
After 38 Years

TWO Englishmen, a Frenchman, a German, and a Moroccan Jew were captured by Moors thirty-eight years ago and made to march in chains for 100 days.

Last week the two Englishmen met through a London publisher for the first time since their adventure.

SHELTERED BY SHEIK

One of them, Mr. Henry Grey, now in his seventieth year, said to a London press representative:

Born At
Bottom Of
40-Foot WellMOTHER TELLS OF
EXPERIENCE

Sanford, N.C., Dec. 10.

Mrs. Alton Jourdon, young and husky farm woman who gave birth to a child in the icy water in a 40-foot well, told the story of her experience today.

Mrs. Jourdon, in the last stages of her pregnancy, was drawing water from the well behind her husband's farmhouse, 12 miles west of here. Jourdon and two other men were working in a nearby field. Suddenly she felt faint and tumbled down the 40 foot shaft, she said. She could not estimate the depth of the water or remember whether her feet touched bottom. "When I bent over the well," she said, "everything went black. The next thing I remember was being in the cold water, trying to keep afloat. Soon there were two of us and I had to keep up."

Mrs. Jourdon began crying out when she struck the water, she said. She did not know how long it was before her husband and the field workers came and pulled her out together with her seven pound, nine ounce boy baby.

Jourdon said that so far as he could tell, his wife was in the well 45 minutes. Its depth, he said, was "several" feet.

Mrs. Jourdon, in the local hospital, is recovering rapidly. Her baby is normal and healthy. Dr. J. F. Foster, a country physician said, he took charge of the case after Mrs. Jourdon and the child were transported here in the back seat of a small automobile over 12 miles of rough, country road immediately after her experience.

Dr. Foster said she was suffering from cold and shock when admitted to the hospital. Jourdon had been afraid to attempt to administer to her or the child beyond wrapping both in blankets and applying hot stones to his wife's feet.

"It's a very interesting case," Dr. Foster said. "Of course, what medical science has learned from it will hardly be of great use, as this is probably the first and last instance of a child birth in a 40 foot well."—United Press.

tive: "At thirty I had a \$1,500-a-year position as underwriter in marine insurance. I left with \$3,000.

"I met a man who said he had a trading concession for Suez, an unpenetrated and, I then thought, independent part of Morocco.

"I contributed \$1,000 and we set off, nineteen of us.

"We had landed only sixty rifles of the 4,000 we carried, and two of us were on shore when a friendly native told us the Moors were coming, and indicated by gestures that they would slit our throats.

"We fled, and were given shelter by a sheik, but two days later he sold us for 200 dollars each to the Moors.

"By now they had also caught three other of our men, and the five of us were chained together and marched for 100 days across the desert. The chains were linked through iron collars round our necks.

"At Hatta we were handed over to the Sultan and kept in prison for nine weeks. Then the Sultan handed us to our consul to be punished.

"There was a trial, and I was sentenced to four months."

Pooling their knowledge, the two men found that the Frenchman became a beachmaster on the Gold Coast, and is now in charge of a fishing net business; the German, a Prussian Guards officer, fought a duel in Egypt and died.

The Moroccan Jew, then acting as interpreter, has become a guide in Casablanca, married, and has ten children.

DOUBLOONS
— IF ANY —
"OUTLAWED"

Any treasure-seeker who unearthed a pirates' hoard of doubloons could have paid his hotel bill with those coins in the West Indies up to the time of King Edward VII.

A proclamation was then made by which they ceased to be currency or legal tender. The King now proclaims in the "London Gazette" that "the several subdivisions of the doubloon shall cease to be legal tender from December 31 next."

Sir Algernon Aspinall, of the West India Committee, said yesterday that the King's proclamation is intended merely to put the affairs of currency in legal order. "Actually," he said, "I have not seen a doubloon for years and years."

But if you ever find an old map traced in blood, and indicating a spot 25 yards east of the hibiscus tree, go ahead and dig with confidence.

No London bus conductor would accept a doubloon in payment for a penny fare, but doubloons, which are Spanish and Spanish-American coins, equivalent to a double pistole, are well worth their weight in gold.

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CLARK GABLE'S DIVORCE

Hollywood, Dec. 1.

CLARK GABLE and his wife have separated. And one more "Hollywood divorce" is coming. No sooner did reports of the estrangement reach New York than Dame Rumour got busy with rumours.

Clark—who is in New York—at first said he knew nothing about any separation or divorce. Then he admitted that it was true and said, "I guess it's all my fault."

As so many other Hollywood couples have done at such times, both say, "We shall remain good friends."

Mrs. Gable says the trouble is that Clark is "hard to live with." As you might guess from his films, he prefers life in the great outdoors—hunting, shooting, riding—to domesticity.

The present Mrs. Gable is Mrs. Clark Gable No. 2. She was on the stage before the marriage. Maiden name—Rita Langham. Age—a few years older than Clark, who is thirty-four.

Mrs. Clark Gable No. 1 was Josephine Dillon, dramatic coach. Their marriage ended—in divorce—just about the time that Clark Gable rose to film stardom.

NEW MATE FOR CLARK?

Within twenty-four hours of the announcement of Clark Gable's parting from his wife, New York gossip was finding a new partner for him.

The name mentioned was Elizabeth Allen, the twenty-five-year-old English actress, who went to Hollywood nearly three years ago, and is at present, like Gable, in New York.

Neither of them would discuss the matter to-day.

Mr. W. J. O'Brien, Miss Allen's English film agent husband, said to a London press representative "I know nothing about it. My wife is in New York waiting for the O.K. from the studio before sailing for England. She is coming home for a holiday with me."

Asked if there was any truth in the reports of a divorce between them, which have appeared from time to time for the past year, he said emphatically, "None whatever."

Tried To Hold Up
A Battleship

New York, Dec. 1.

The world's champion optimist is in chains to-day—because he tried to hold up a battleship.

George Boyog, aged twenty, enlisted as a seaman on board the American warship California. He often worked around the paymaster's office, and the clink of money got on his nerves.

This morning he tried to hold up the paymaster, although the ship was 150 miles at sea.

NEW BID TO FLY
TO AUSTRALIAPILOT WITH LESS
THAN 100 HOURS'
EXPERIENCE

Another England-Australia flight is to be attempted by a young Australian pilot.

Mr. R. W. Gropler is to fly a three-seater Klemm monoplane owned by his father.

Last September Mr. Gropler, Senr., cabled Airwork, Ltd., at Heston, to buy the machine for him, adding that he would send his son to fetch it.

Mr. Gropler, Jr., has now arrived and intends to set off before the new year. He has less than 100 hours' experience of solo flying.

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	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	11.41	11.42/42
January	11.36	11.42/42
March	11.16	11.23/23
May	11.06	11.13/13
July	10.92	11.00/00
October	10.72	10.76/77
Spot	11.60	11.85

New York Rubber

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	12.96	12.99/99
January	13.05	13.07/07
March	13.23	13.26/26
May	13.38	13.39/41
July	13.50	13.53/53

Chicago Wheat

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	85 1/2	86 1/2/86 3/4
May	85 1/2	86 1/2/86 3/4
July	85 1/2	86 1/2/86 3/4

Chicago Corn

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	68 1/2	68 1/2/68 3/4
May	69 1/2	69 1/2/69 3/4
July	69 1/2	69 1/2/69 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	83 1/2	84 1/2/84 3/4
May	87 1/2	88 1/2/88 3/4
July	87 1/2	88 1/2/88 3/4

New York Silk

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
December	1.94 1/2	1.93 1/2/1.94 1/2
March	1.91 1/2	1.90 1/2/1.91 1/2
May	1.90	1.89 1/2/1.90

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 19, 1914.

The rate of dollar on demand was 1s 9 1/2d.

Inspector Marlson was promoted Chief Detective Inspector of the Police Force.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on December 18 of Mr. A. B. Raworth and Miss Winifred Robinson. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET DOWNWARD YESTERDAY

The following reports on the New York Stock Market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:

The Wall Street Journal report on yesterday: The market today closed lower in a nervous session when the St. Louis South-Western Railroad Company petitioned the Government to reorganize under the Bankruptcy Act. Bonds were irregular. Stocks on the Cash Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: Stocks were in fair supply, but selling orders were well absorbed. The St. Louis South-Western Railroad Company requests reorganization under the Bankruptcy Law. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has placed a \$25,000,000 order for 10,000 freight cars.

Cotton: The Trade and short interests absorbed the bulk of the liquidation. Eight brokerage houses are bullish, whilst four brokers are bearish in their outlook. The Government is reported to have a substitute scheme in case the Bankhead Act and the A.A.A. are ruled as unconstitutional.

Wheat: There was a fair export demand for Canadian wheat. The main feature of the market to-day was December adjustment.

Rubber: The market was steady. Some "spot" demand was reported to-day, but not of an aggressive nature. Primary offerings are high.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:

	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.
30 Industrials	142.84	141.34
20 Rails	41.28	40.74
20 Utilities	29.21	28.84
40 Bonds	98.22	98.10
11 Commodity Index	55.54	55.65

F. H. Robinson, while Mr. T. G. Weill was best man.

Mr. F. M. Graco Ozorio was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Mr. Chai Chin-hang the degree of Bachelor of Science by the Hongkong University.

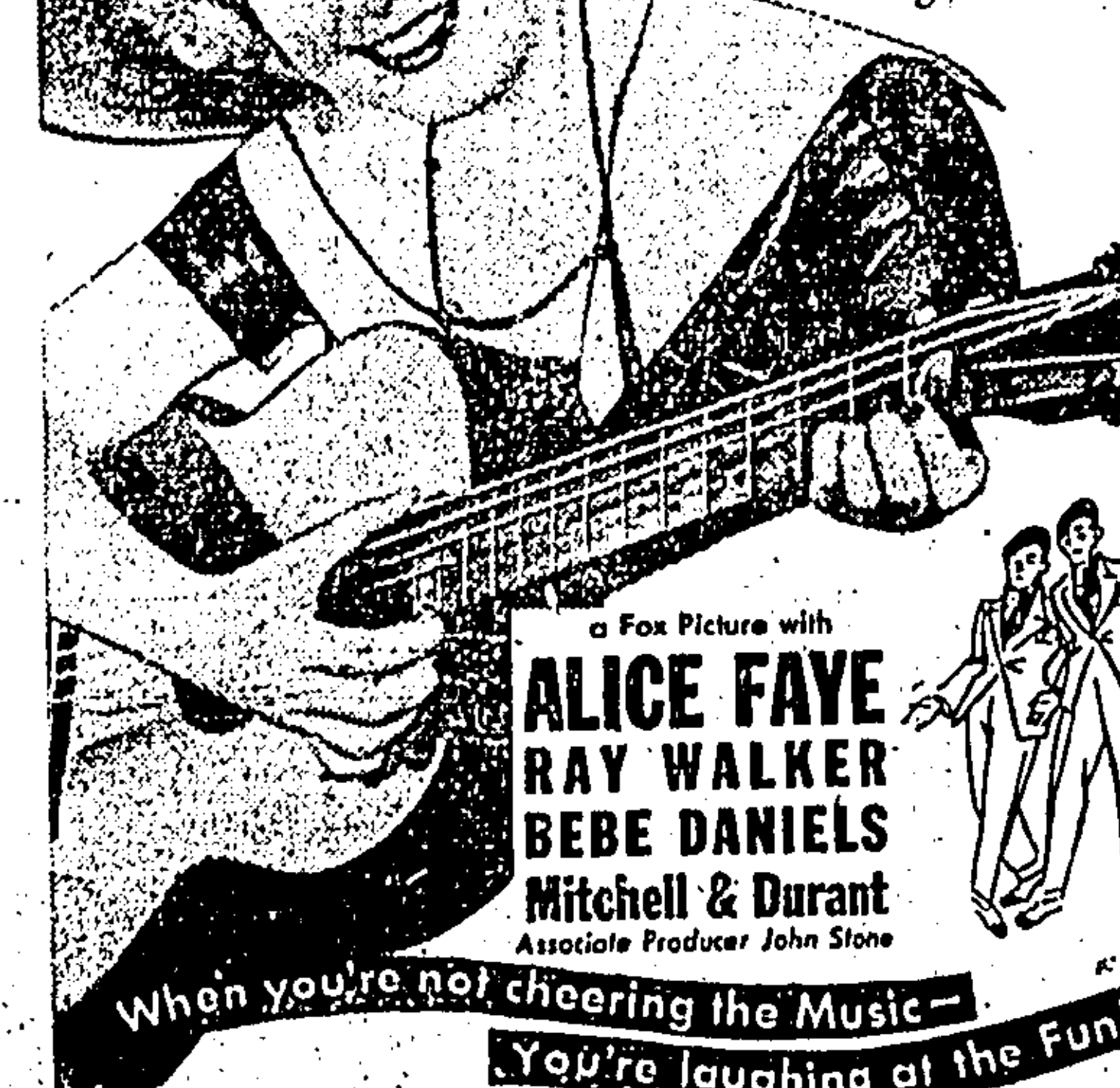
Lieut. G. K. Hall Britton, of the Volunteer Reserves, was promoted Captain, and 2nd. Lieutenants J. Over Hughes and B. R. Branch were promoted full Lieutenants.

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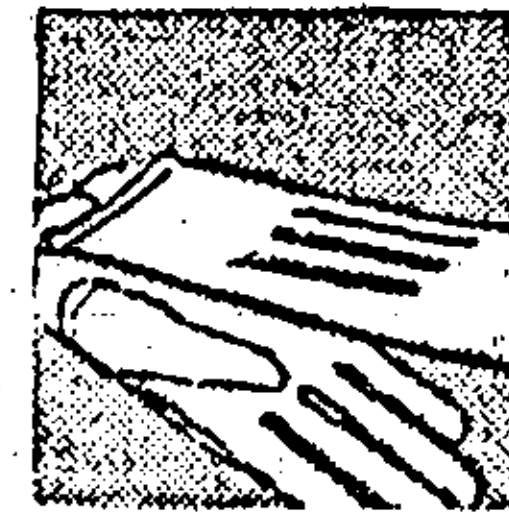
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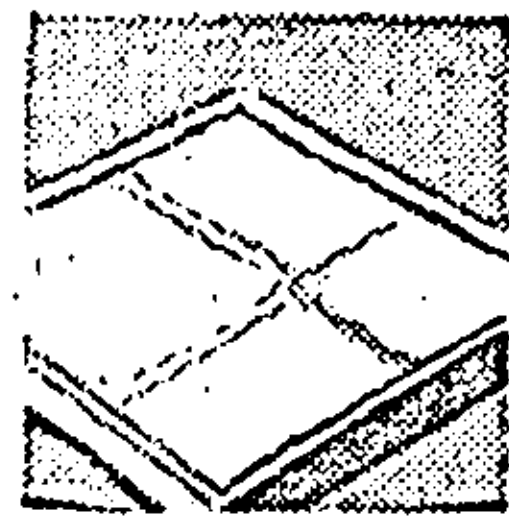
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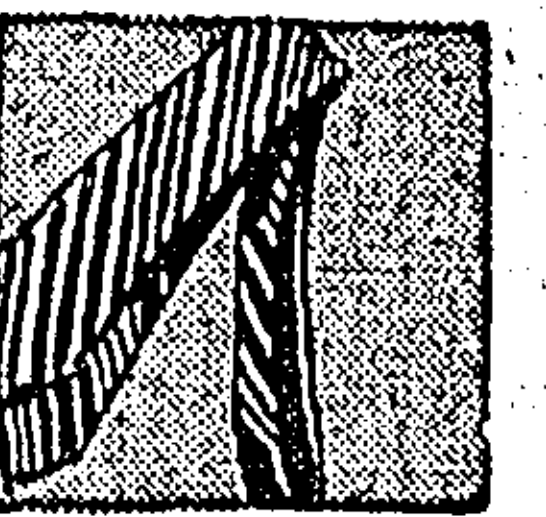
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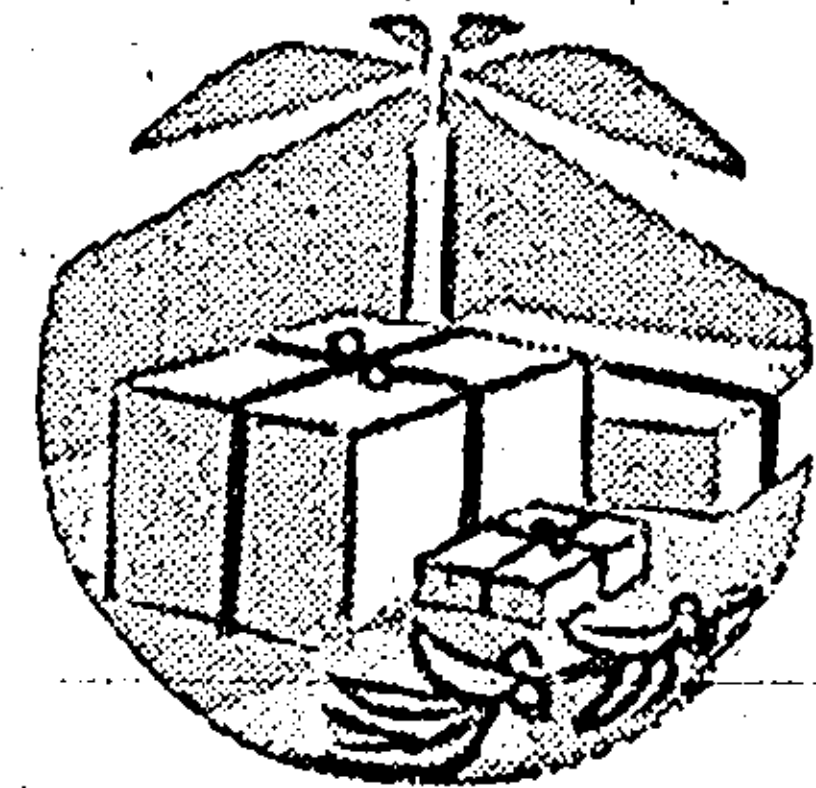
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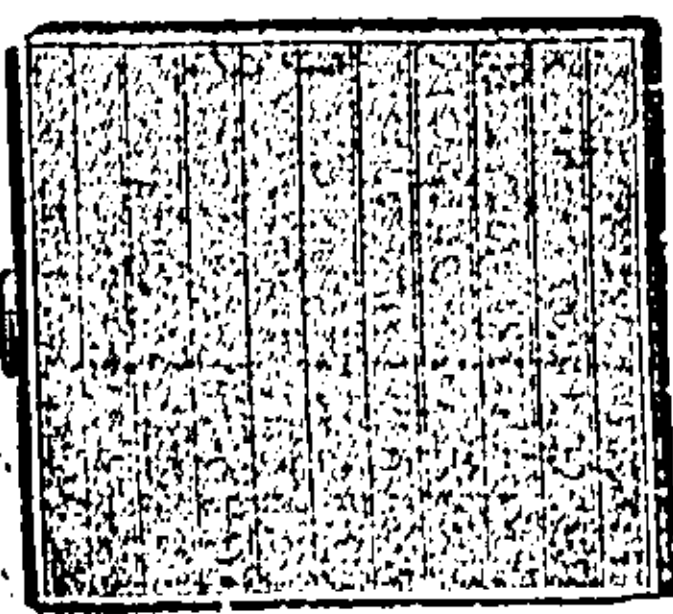
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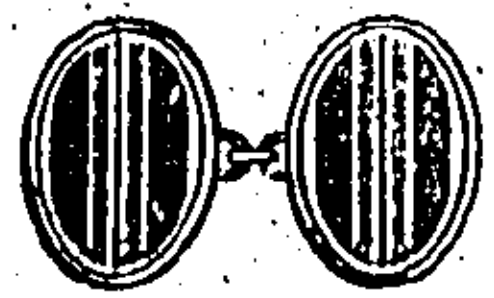
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FUTILE PEACE
EFFORTS

Whatever may have been the facts behind the Anglo-French efforts to reach a possible basis for the settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, it is clear that the British Government has been forced to take note of the storm of criticism which has followed disclosures made in the Press regarding the reported main features of the peace plan. There was a fear that, in an effort to placate France, Britain might go far further, in making concessions to Italy, than public opinion would tolerate. As a consequence, there has been considerable modification of the terms originally suggested. Even so, the more the situation is studied, the plainer does it become that the impossible was being attempted in drawing up plans which, at this juncture, might be acceptable to the League and the both parties to the dispute. There is, admittedly, something to be said for any effort which aims at discovering the minimum conditions under which Italy and Ethiopia would be prepared to discuss a termination of the hostilities; but that end would best be served by the process of enquiring from the two parties what these conditions are, and not by formulating specific proposals. Eventually, it may be found possible to secure a settlement on the basis of territorial adjustments, but at this stage in the conflict it is futile to even put forward plans which call for the surrender of territory by Ethiopia. The position is quite clear. Italy, by her own acts, has been declared the aggressor; her troops are on Ethiopian soil; the slaughtering of the defenders and innocent civilians continues. With the circumstances thus, how is it reasonable to expect the Ethiopians to consider terms involving loss of sovereignty in respect of considerable areas of their country? Apart from any other considerations, the withdrawal of the invaders from Ethiopia would appear to be a necessary pre-requisite of peace conversations. But Italy is clearly in no mood at the moment to listen to any such demand. Mussolini's spoken words plainly reveal the Italian attitude. In August, he declared, "We shall go forward until we achieve the Fascist Empire." In October, he averred, "Not only is our Army on the march towards its objective, but forty million Italians are marching in unison with it." Here we have a clear endorsement of the policy of warlike aggression. It will thus be seen that there is little prospect of bringing the warring parties together in such a spirit as to permit of a settlement of the dispute. The only alternative is for the League members to press on with their penalties against the aggressor, in the hope that the effect thereof may eventually induce Italy to bow to the force of world opinion.

WATCH

your step
to-day. It is
Friday the
Thirteenth, the
monarch of all
hoodoos.

Ill-luck is always associated, by the superstitious, with a Friday. And when the Friday falls on a thirteenth, as it has done twice this year!

Ill-luck on Fridays undoubtedly arises from the Crucifixion, as probably do the digits 13, for it was this number of persons who sat down to the Last Supper.

By the Western and Eastern Churches the Fridays throughout the year, except when Christmas falls on that day, have ever been

NOTES OF THE DAY BLACK GOLD

Black gold, it was named in the days of the great oil rush in the western United States; and black gold it remains to those fortunate enough to possess oil fields of any capacity. Oil can make or mar a nation's chances in war or in commerce. It keeps the wheels of industry turning. It may bring millions to the pockets of labouring people. An oil embargo against Italy, for instance, seriously applied, would go far further than any other sanction in forcing a reasonable peace upon that nation. The Committee of Eighteen at Geneva, during the next little while, must decide whether or not to add oil to the sanctions list. We shall see if the embargo is enforced, how vital a thing is oil in the successful running of a nation. It is more than a lubricant for sewing machines and motor cars. It keeps an air force in action; makes possible the swift supply of any army in the field; runs transports and troopships; literally feeds the navy. Next to men, guns and ammunition, oil, and plenty of it, is the first necessity of a modern fighting force.

Where would Britain be without oil in the event of war? Supposing her supply were cut off; supposing her trade routes were made too dangerous for tankers to travel; where would Britain go for fuel for her ships and her aircraft? To her coalfields. That is why the recent experiments in distilling oil from coal are watched with such great interest in Great Britain. The industry is in its infancy; for in 1931 only a trifling 38,000,000 gallons of oil were produced by this means. That is little more than a drop in the proverbial bucket. Britain's peace time needs are 2,800,000,000 gallons of petroleum and its by-products each year. But the volume required increases steadily. It is a matter for gratification to know that those great coal mines which once were the backbone of Britain's economic life are still of immense potential value. They may yield the black gold for which nations, in the past, have fought and schemed prodigiously. The resuscitation of the coal mining industry may be brought about by the distillation of oil from this commodity, and that in itself would be a boon to Britain. The experiment, for it is hardly beyond that stage, is well worth cultivation.

Friday, The 13th

SUPERSTITION! The peculiar belief in charm or numbers, either for good or ill. How many of us will sit down to a dinner party that totals thirteen guests? Yet many people are convinced that the number thirteen is lucky.

Superstitiously inclined people will watch their steps to-day, however, for it is Friday the Thirteenth, the monarch of all hoodoos.

Tradition says that Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden on Friday; it was on a Friday morning that Cain is said to have killed Abel and the beheading of John the Baptist and the Crucifixion took place on a Friday.

There were thirteen at table at the Last Supper. And so Friday the Thirteenth has become a particularly ominous date in the minds of the superstitious.

In Hongkong there are no St. Monnice, in Fife, where rooms numbered 13 in the superstition is still rife. European hotels, since the room numbers have a digit, corresponding with the floor number, before the room number. Other parts of the world get over the difficulty by numbering the room 12A.

An eclipse of the moon is the subject of superstition to Chinese, and there is much beating of gongs to stop the frog from eating it.

A Chinese feminine superstition is that it is awfully unlucky to say that a baby is heavy. Quite the reverse to proud European mothers, who would feel insulted if they were told that their baby was a poor, fragile little mite.

EUROPEANS are not the only people who are superstitious. A Chinese superstition is that the spirit of a person who commits suicide will haunt the house for three years, when another suicide will take place. Strangely enough, this was fulfilled in a case last month.

Indians have a very awkward superstition. It is bad luck, if you lend a friend money, not to insist on its return.

SOME Scots people are among the most superstitious in the British Empire. Only the other day we read of the village

BUT superstition is silly, isn't it? None of us like to believe, in this modern age, that we are swayed by it.

Yet, dear reader, try yourself out. To-day is Friday, the Thirteenth. Would you like to take a walk under a ladder, carrying a loose handful of salt, look over your left shoulder as a black cat with a crossed-eye crosses in front of you, and then invite twelve of your friends to join you for supper?

Hoodoo You Do?

BY the time this appears in print it will probably have ceased to be the Kelly feature and become the Kelly epitaph.

Our instructions from a cold-blooded Editor this morning are reminiscent of those the Emperor of Abyssinia might tell his air force ("Out there, there are sixty Italian aeroplanes. Go force them down!")

To be exact they were: "Mr. Kelly, To-day is Friday the Thirteenth. Kindly defy superstition." The difference between defying superstition and defying orders is

By Ed. Kelly, Father of 13

that in the former case you may get away with it. Which accounts for the fact that we—

But our progress may better be reviewed from the Hoodoo Book of the Great Hokus Pokus Hoodooer, which, as you know, is kept by Judas.

"At 10 a.m. I saw the suspect Kelly, wearing a green tie, enter the Hongkong Hotel under a ladder, continuously tripping over a black cat which he had on a string lead, and accompanied by a pigeon-toed companion. Notwithstanding that it was Friday the 13th, he immediately made a decision, which he consumed in a tankard.

"At this point I succeeded in dislodging a portion of the ceiling, but its effect was diverted by an umbrella the suspect Kelly had raised inside the building, and it merely demolished the suspect Kelly's friend.

"Kelly then sat down to tiffin, after first removing his shoes and placing them on the table. Next he emptied the contents of the salt-cellar on the table, and carefully arranged two knives in a cruciform pattern.

"This ritual convinced another friend sitting at the next table that Kelly should be humoured until police assistance was forthcoming, so he accordingly gave Kelly a cigar and strongly advised him to sell sterling as the dollar was bound to rise to 1s. 6d. this afternoon.

The Hokus Pokus: And was this tip successful?

The Hokus Pokus: Excellent.

The Hoodoo: No, your Unpleasantness.

The Hoodoo: Unfortunately, your Unpleasantness, the suspect Kelly had no money with which to speculate, so could not take advantage of the tip.

The Hokus Pokus: You're fired. So now, we're waiting for the next blow to fall. As we walked under the ladder we picked up a five-dollar note, we sold our black cat for 50 cents, and the boy forgot to bring the chit for our tiffin.

If we finally survive, our next Defying Date will be March 13, 1936.

P.S. But we tricked them, all the same. We've had our fingers crossed all day.



JAPANESE CLAIMS DENIED

NO RIGHT TO FLY OVER HOPEI

MATTER NEVER DISCUSSED

Peiping, Dec. 13. Concerning the recent statement of the Japanese military attaché here that an agreement, made between General Ho Ying-ching and General Uematsu, to fly over all Hopei territory, a member of the new defence Military Council to-day declared that such a statement was totally incorrect. This authority is very close to General Ho Ying-ching. He goes on to say that during the negotiations between General Ho and General Uematsu last June, when the question of Japanese planes flying over Chinese territory never came up for consideration. He adds that the term "Ho-Uematsu agreement" was also incorrect. "There is no such agreement as this so-called Ho-Uematsu agreement," he declared.—*Reuter*.

URGED TO ACT

Shanghai, Dec. 13. A total of 283 prominent Chinese scholars and educators have issued a manifesto supporting the student patriotic demonstrations in Peiping, urging the Government to take immediate and effective action for the preservation of China's territorial integrity in the North.—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN FARM POLICY

PROTECTION OF A.A.A. BY FARM BUREAU

Chicago, Dec. 12. The Farm Bureau Federation to-day passed a resolution approving, without major criticism, the Administration's farm policy including the A.A.A. and all its ramifications. They also approved "of the purpose of the reciprocal trade agreements," although the Canadian Treaty was not specifically mentioned. They also passed a resolution stating "We serve notice on all groups opposing the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. This programme was formulated by the farmers themselves through their own organizations and will be protected and defended." Further they made a resolution urging that President Roosevelt should continue to control the gold price for one year, and the establishment of a policy of currency management in order to effect the stabilization of price levels. The debate dealt with only minor problems and the Convention's attitude was very friendly to the Administration.—*United Press*.

VANDERBILT "CURSE"

MONEY BRINGS ONLY UNHAPPINESS

New York, Dec. 12. Declaring that there is a "curse" on the Vanderbilt money, and that "no Vanderbilt ever had anything but unhappiness," Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt, according to the *New York Evening Journal*, has renounced the Vanderbilt millions and will no longer accept a penny of the income from her daughter's fortune. However, she intends to fight for the complete custody of her child "so long as there is life in my body."—*Reuter*.

SUBSIDIES' MENACE

BRITISH COMPANY AT LAST GASP

Montreal, Dec. 12. The Canadian Pacific Railway, in which the Canadian Pacific Railway own one-half interest, will discontinue its steamship service between Australia and New Zealand unless the three Dominions concerned give the Company adequate support. This fact was announced by Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who said the service was definitely imperilled by competition from heavily subsidised United States steamers.—*Reuter*.

PROFESSORS MURDERED

DISCHARGED WORKER TAKES OWN LIFE

New York, Dec. 12. Discharged this morning after a quarrel with a fellow-worker, Victor Koussow, an employee of the Columbia University College of Dental Surgery, returned with a revolver and shot dead Dr. Paul Wiberger, Assistant Professor of Dentistry, and Dr. Arthur Rowe, Assistant Dean. Koussow also wounded Dr. William Crawford, Assistant Professor, and then fatally shot himself.—*Reuter*.

CHRISTMAS CRUISE TO MANILA

CHEAPER RATES ANNOUNCED

The Canadian Pacific and Dollar Line announce a reduction in the cruise rate to Manila over the Christmas holidays by the Empress of Japan and President Hoover. The rates now are HK\$180.00 first-class and HK\$120.00 tourist or special class. Those wishing to live on board the steamers during the whole time they are in Manila may do so on payment of HK\$20.00 in the case of the Empress of Japan cruise and HK\$30.00 in the case of the President Hoover. Children will be charged half these rates.

In addition to the cruises being run by the Canadian Pacific, Empress of Japan and the Dollar Line, President Hoover, there is also to be an identical excursion by the American Mail Line President Grant over the New Year holidays.

The Dollar Line President Hoover will sail from Hongkong on December 19, one day before the Canadian Pacific Empress of Japan and the President Hoover will therefore remain in Manila a full day longer than the Empress of Japan giving tourists an additional day for visiting in the Philippines.

THREW LIFEBOUY IN HARBOUR

ASSISTANT PURSER FINED

CHITWAD Hare, of Essex, England, Assistant purser of the P. and O. liner Carthage, appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning and was fined \$15 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of having behaved in a disorderly manner on the Star Ferry launch, Golden Star, last night by throwing a lifebuoy into the harbour. "It is quite true, your Worship," said defendant in reply to the charge. His Worship: Don't you want to say anything about it? Defendant: "No, I don't think so." Inspector Stinson stated that Sergeant J. F. Scott was travelling on the ferry at 11.25 last night and saw defendant throw one of the lifebuoys overboard, so he arrested the man. The police, continued Inspector Stinson, had received such complaints from the Star Ferry before, and asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case. It was further stated that three lifebuoys were found in the harbour. They were valued at \$8 each. The Magistrate (to defendant): You were feeling pleased with yourself? Defendant: No, I think it was an impulse. I am very sorry about this; it will not occur again.

NON-ADDICT PILLS SEIZED

HEAVY FINE FOR POSSESSION

Original charges of possession of heroin pills and dangerous drugs were withdrawn, and two new charges of possession of 31,000 pills containing cocaine phosphate, at No. 33 King Kwong Street, second floor, on December 6, and possession of 14 ounces of cocaine phosphate at No. 62 Ko Shing Street, second floor, were preferred against Chan Kwok-sun when he appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The defendant admitted both charges and was fined \$2,000, in default, six months' hard labour, on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively. Revenue Officer Grimmit prosecuting, said that a formula for cocaine was also found in the defendant's possession. It was supposed to be a non-addict formula, and any person taking the cocaine would not become addicted as in the case of taking heroin. The prosecution was taking a very serious view of the case, in view of the fact that the defendant actually had a factory in someone else's house, and it was quite possible that the man who was discharged last week might have been convicted if defendant had not owned up.

MR. R. T. BARTON PASSES

FORMER HONGKONG JOCKEY

News has been received by Mr. L. A. Barton, of the Hongkong Treasury, of the death of his brother, Mr. Roderick T. Barton, at the age of 45 years on November 20. The late Mr. Barton was for several years in the Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow and Yokohama branches of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. He was a keen rider while a resident in Hongkong and his wide circle of friends will regret to learn of his sudden demise. It is believed that death occurred on his tobacco plantation in South Rhodesia.

BRITISH MOTIVES ATTACKED

SENATOR PITTMAN'S CHALLENGE

AN "ASININE" POLICY

(Special to "Telegraph")

Reno, Dec. 12. Commenting on the recent decline in silver prices, Senator Key Pittman of Nevada said, "The London silver market went into a panic over 20,000,000 ounces which the British say were offered from the Orient... well what difference does that make? 'What is twenty million ounces, when there are two billion ounces in the hands of the people in China, which will never come out?'"

"Why is the British Press making propaganda saying that the United States silver policy will ruin China? Why did Sir Frederick Leith-Ross advise the Chinese Government to go on a managed currency tied to sterling?"

"India has six million ounces of silver, yet in 1914 Britain needed 200,000 ounces to back their paper money and could not get it. India had to buy our dollars and melt them to make rupees. Britain closed the mines in India and forced India on sterling, depreciated Indian currency, bent down the price of silver and placed an import duty to prevent the Indians from buying any more."

"It seems evident that Great Britain desires to force China and other countries into the sterling group so as to control exchange and thus control imports and exports as they are doing in Argentina," he declared. "China mistakenly destroyed a free market for silver, made bootlegging profitable and encouraged hoarding in the banks unable to redeem their currency."

CANNOT SUCCEED

"The alternatives were to nationalise silver or to restore a free market. They took the former course which cannot universally succeed because some provinces will not surrender the metal."

"Now, certain governments, certain bankers and speculators desire to know what we are going to do. It is none of their business."

"The British Equalisation Fund manipulated our dollar but we took the larger stock of chips every time. Every time they attempted to raise the dollar we raised the pound... it is a game of poker in which the kitty wins and the public loses. No Government can withstand this asinine policy as well as the United States."

"We desire stabilisation, but refuse to accept dictation from abroad. We have five twelfths of the world's gold and other nations should realise that when they are ready to stabilise, the United States will be the controlling influence."

"There will be stabilisation of silver currencies with gold when foreign governments take the steps to control the situation and when they cease their foolish attacks and seek stabilisation the United States will join in and have both gold and silver to lend to the foreign central banks on which they can base the stabilisation of their currencies. "Foreigners do not know our silver policy, but we do, which is sufficient. "The United States has the top hand, with no bluffing, and will win the pot."—*United Press*.

JAPAN'S POSITION ON MANDATES

EXPLANATION IN THE COMMONS

London, Dec. 12. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in reply to a Commons question, said that Japan ceased to be a member of the League of Nations, has no legal right to claim equality of treatment in commercial matters in the Mandated Territories under the provisions of the Mandates. On the other hand, at the present time the Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty of 1911 extends to certain of the Mandated Territories administered by His Majesty's Government, and by virtue of that treaty Japan possesses most-favoured-nation rights on a reciprocal basis as long as these extensions remain in force.—*British Wireless*.

DEFENCE FORCES REORGANISATION

LOST MAY BE MET BY LOAN

London, Dec. 12. At question time in the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked whether the money required for reorganisation of the Navy and Air Force would be raised by way of loans, or met from ordinary revenue. In reply, he recalled that the Government proposals for making good the deficiencies in the defence forces had not yet been formulated, and he added that until that was done, it would be premature to consider whether any part of the cost should be met by loan.—*British Wireless*.

AMMUNITION ON JUNK

COUNT ORDER FOR CONFISCATION

A mother and son, Chow Hoi, 50, widow, and Wong Yau-kan, 28, boatman, were brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, charged with possession of two rifles, 170 rounds of ammunition, and 31 ammunition clips without a licence on board trading junk, King Cheong, yesterday. The woman, who was the mistress of the junk, was fined \$100 and an order for the confiscation of the arms was made. The man was discharged. Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, appeared for both the defendants, and stated that the junk was licensed by the Canton authorities to carry the arms. The guns were brought here but were kept on board the junk for self-protection. In January or February this year the defendants came to Hongkong and applied for a licence for the arms but were refused and told to take them away and not bring them back again.

Mr. D'Almada asked his Worship to view the case as an ordinary case where people keep arms for their self-protection, and for no other purpose. There was no intention of committing an unlawful act," he said. Detective-Sub-Inspector L. Whant agreed that the defendants had applied for a licence for the arms in Hongkong but were refused. The man applied for the licence in person and gave the name of his mother. The reason why arms were restricted on boats was that precautions were taken against armed crimes on water. "There have been," said the prosecuting officer, "six or seven armed robberies recently."

His Worship stated that the defendants should not have brought the arms here, and that in view of the fact that they had done so after having met with an explicit refusal of a licence, he (the Magistrate) must fine them.

THE MDIVANI ESTATE

WIDOW TO RECEIVE ONE-FIFTH

New York, Dec. 12. Countess Reventlow will receive a one-fifth share in the estate of her former husband, Prince Alexis Mdivani, who was admitted for probate to-day. The Prince's estate is to be divided into equal shares between the Countess and his two brothers and two sisters.—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

LIFE IS DEAR TO ME, LOVE DEARER STILL, BUT I WOULD GIVE THEM BOTH FOR LIBERTY.—*Sandoz Pictet*.

The forthcoming wedding in announced of Mr. Richard David Tidy, surveyor, residing at Hankow Road, Kowloon, and Miss Doris Alice Beck, of 35 Ashley Road.

Sub-Inspector W. Armit, Detective Sergeant E. Franklin and Detective Sergeant R. Davies, of the Hongkong Police, are proceeding on Home leave aboard the liner Ranchi which sails to-morrow.

A widow, Wong Ho, aged 83 years, was arrested yesterday for hawking fresh ginger without a licence. When brought before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court this morning she was cautioned. She stated she formerly held a licence but had not hawked for the past ten years.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel on Saturday, and a tea dance on Sunday. A special extra bus service has been arranged for convenience of the patrons attending dinner dances; in addition to the ordinary time table. They are:—From Hongkong Hotel: 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m. From Repulse Bay Hotel: 1.00 a.m., 1.15 a.m., 1.30 a.m.

On a charge of returning to Hongkong before his term of banishment of ten years from October last was completed, Tsang Kwong, 26, unemployed, told Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court this morning that he was merely passing through on his way to the defendant's fingerprints revealed that he had returned once before in August. Nine months' hard labour was passed. Inspector A. W. Smith prosecuted.

"I thought we had stopped it," said Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when he sentenced Chan Shing, 34, unemployed, to three months' hard labour for stealing a radiator cap belonging to Mr. B. D. Evans, of the Royal Observatory, from car No. 1910. Inspector Ellis stated that the radiator cap was stolen from the car on November 23 when it was parked at Lanchuk bathing beach. Defendant was arrested with it in his possession yesterday.

Appearing on remand before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of uttering a forged \$10 note of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, on December 8, Fan Kwai-sang, 26, unemployed, was again remanded until Tuesday next. Inspector Chester-Woods preferred two further charges against the defendant, the same denomination of the same bank against the defendant. It was alleged in the last two charges that defendant uttered one of the notes in Kowloon and the other at Causeway Bay, Hongkong, on December 1 and November 17, respectively.

RADIO BROADCAST

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From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles): 4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme. 7.11 p.m. European Programme. 7.25 p.m. "Carnaval Suite, Op. 9" (Schumann) (arr. for Russian Ballet). 7.25-7.40 p.m. Songs of the Sea sung by Peter Dawson (Hass-Barkton). 1. He heard the Great sea calling (Andersson); 2. Devon, O Devon (Stanford); 3. Glory of the Sea (Sander-son); 4. Homeward Bound (Stanford). 7.40-8 p.m. Debroy Somers Band.

Memories of Horatio Nicholls: The Open Road—A. Hilding Medley (arr. Debroy Somers); Ballads we Love—Selection (arr. Debroy Somers). 8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. Closing Local Stock Quotations. 8.05-8.15 p.m. "Melodies of Robert Burns". 8.15-8.35 p.m. From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Caroline Brago, F.T.C.L.

Programme

1. Prelude in D flat (The Raindrop), Op. 28, No. 15 (Chopin); 2. Scherzo, 11, in D flat minor, Op. 31 (Chopin); 3. Polonaise in C sharp minor, Op. 26, No. 1 (Chopin). 8.35-9 p.m. A Relay from Davenry. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall. 9.20 p.m. A Relay of the Davenry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter). 9.20-9.50 p.m. From the Studio. A 62nd Recital of Gramophone records by The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent. 9.50-10 p.m. "Viennese Memories of Lehar" (arr. Henry Hall). 10 p.m. Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletin. 10.10-11 p.m. Dance Music. 11 p.m. Close Down.

TO JELICOE'S MEMORY

London, Dec. 12. Tributes were paid to the memory of the late Earl Jellicoe in both Houses of Parliament to-day, when motions were approved for the erection of a monument at the public charge as an expression of admiration for his illustrious naval career and gratitude for his services to the state.—*British Wireless*.

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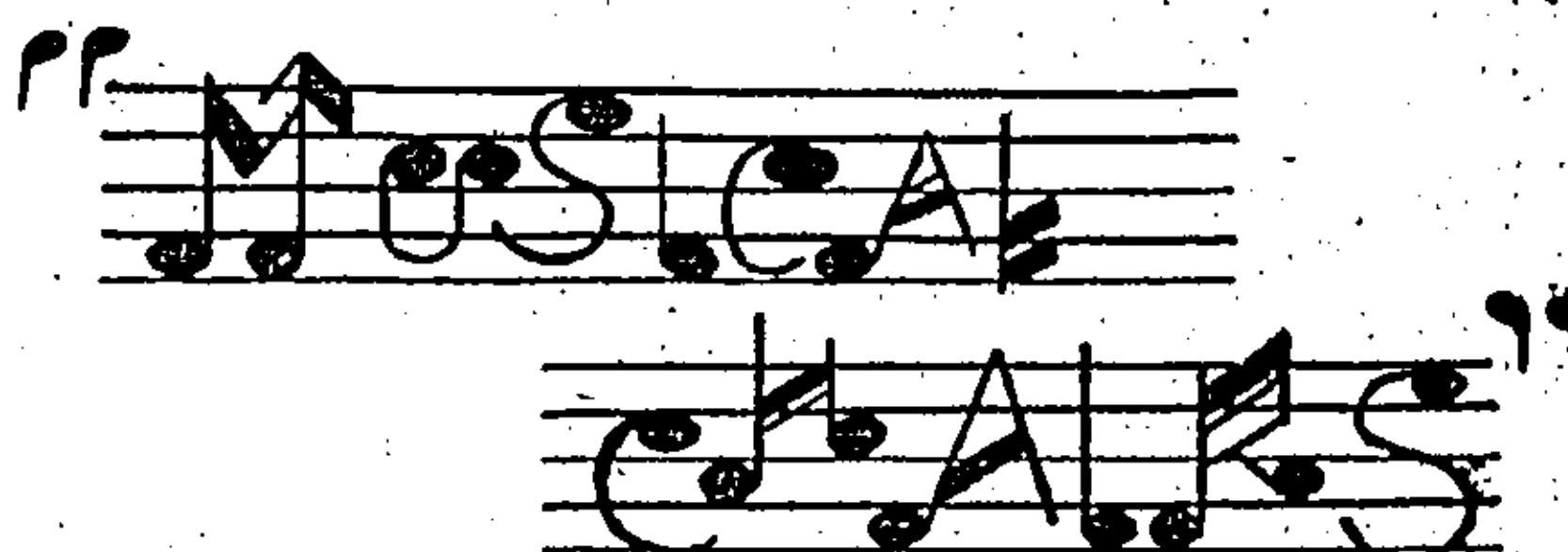


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ALL ABOUT LAST RACE MEETING OF SEASON

A Fireside Chat About Cricket

IT'S TOO COLD FOR WORDS

—SAYS R. ABBIT

Unbalanced Strength In The League

I don't exactly know where the thermometer is when I am starting in to write these notes, but it is pretty low. I'll be bound! It is not exactly inspiring, when one sits down to write of cricket, to have to pull a chair up beside the first fire of the season and hold forth amid an atmosphere of smoke from the chimney which in these last eight months has quite forgotten how to do its job.

No! I could in this weather, roar at you like any sucking dove of the delights of Rugger, or ice hockey, but seeing as how I've got to write about cricket, my style is definitely cramped, like a lot of the batting in League matches.

Still, I suppose my Editor—(I wonder if he suffers from cold feet as badly as I do, or if he can tell me how to keep the tip of my nose warm. Of course, if I were a dog I would be healthy but I'm not so sure about rabbits)—will expect me to do something about it. I'm sorry about this—Governors always go to my head!

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

I am beginning to realize that the great discrepancy between the cricketing abilities of the various Clubs is going to make the games in the Senior League rather uninteresting. One would not say that cricket is at a low ebb in the Colony as we won the Interport pretty handsomely, and have some uncommonly useful players, but there is no doubt that the distribution of talent is at present unfortunate from the sporting point of view.

There are really—(and I do hope I'm not going to hurt anyone's feelings)—only two strong sides in the Senior League, the H.K.C.C. and the Indians. There ought to be three, but until the Army can snap out of their present depression there are only two. And this does not make for an exciting competition.

To-morrow's games are not as interesting as they might have been. The I.R.C. playing at home should, having the second League stroke, take a bit of the Navy pretty easily. The Club normally would have a big job on with the Army, were the latter team's batsmen in form—but as it is I fancy they will win provided that the Army bat first.

Otherwise a draw is quite a possible result. Of course Williams and Bonavia may bring off another first-class stand as they did, I think, in the Triangular Tournament last season, but even so, and even if the other bats come off, I don't somehow quite see the Club being beaten.

There is a non-League game on the K.C.C. ground between the home team and the Civil Service, which will not, I fear, be very interesting. I cannot help thinking it would be better for Civil Service Cricket if they were to play a second League team for a bit. It would perhaps help to give them a little confidence. Even when Griffiths and McEllan join their ranks they are going to be terribly weak.

THE SECOND LEAGUE

In the Junior games the I.R.C. at King's Park should beat the Navy Second, unless the home side are very much more in form than they were last week; they are of course still without many of their best players.

The K.C.C. visit Happy Valley to play the Civil Service second eleven and will, I fancy, win pretty easily. I shall be interested to see G. Lee's bowling analysis this time—if they put him on!

As regards non-League games the Police should beat the Recreation though I am beginning to regard them as an in and out side. Craigower second are continuing the good work of training up the young idea and are at home to the Diocesan School. I cannot stress too much the value to schoolboys of meeting League teams on the cricket-field. The only other match I have knowledge at present is that between the Snappers (at home) and the H.K.C.C. second.

I am afraid that considerations of space—and time—prevent my continuing these notes, but I hope to catch up on Tuesday next.

ANOTHER BIG WIN FOR ALL BLACKS

London, Dec. 12. The New Zealand rugby team scored another notable success to-day when they overwhelmed the Mid-District XV at Aberdare by 31 points to 10.

Cambridge University, reacting to the Varsity match, collapsed before Newport, and were defeated 22-9.

BADMINTON SECRETARY IN HOSPITAL

MR. SPRAGUE OF SAILORS
AND SOLDIERS' HOME

Badminton players will learn with regret that Mr. W. Sprague, hon. secretary of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home badminton club is in the Victoria Hospital suffering from malaria.

Mr. Sprague has been receiving attention for the past fortnight, and is now reported to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

SOVIET INVITATION TO AN ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM

(By Bruce Harris)

Soviet Russia is anxious, when the snows of winter melt, to entertain a first-class English football side in Moscow.

Manchester City have been invited for a month's tour; equally the Arsenal would be welcome.

Mr. W. Wild, manager of the Manchester club, told me that his directors will seriously consider the invitation when more is known about it.

"We want to know the financial terms," he said, "for it would be an expensive trip. If the offer were favourable the Football Association's sanction would have to be obtained—and that of the players. They can receive by rule, their summer wages, hotel and travel costs and 10s. a day for personal expenses."

Mr. George Allison, the Arsenal manager, said that no new offer had been made since the club decided that they could not accept an invitation to Russia last spring.

"It was then a question of terms," he said. "Personally, I am not en-

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(By "Veritas")

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Elliot, whose transference to the centre forward position has considerably improved the Hongkong F.C. attack.

Gilchrist Decides To Quit Football

LOSS TO GAME

(By "Veritas")

J. I. K. Gilchrist, former Kowloon F.C. player and now playing left half for the Hongkong Football Club has decided to quit the game.

Gilchrist says he has had enough of soccer and does not feel inclined to continue any longer. The decision takes effect forthwith and is the reason why Gilchrist is not appearing in the Club team to-morrow for their Shield match against East Lancashire.

Gilchrist is well known on the local soccer field and on his day was one of the best half backs playing here. He terminated a long association with the Kowloon Football Club at the end of last season and threw in his lot with the Hongkong F.C. He has played regularly this season in the senior team, becoming successor to Andy Duncan, who formerly held the left half berth.

amoured of the long journeys, but any proposal would be sympathetically considered."

At the U.S.S.R. Embassy in London I was told that Russia is fervently developing its sport. A Czechoslovakian and an Austrian football team have visited Russia and Russian sides have played in France and Turkey.

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Is Mr. Leo Frost To Be Disappointed?

IN QUEST FOR FIFTY VICTORIES

REQUIRES THREE MORE CHAMPIONS EVENTS INCLUDED IN PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club will close their racing season to-morrow when the Fourteenth Extra Meeting will be staged and the first Saddling Bell will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m., sharp. There are the usual eight events on the card including three Autumn Champions. The conditions of these three classics are for ponies that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of the Club since January 1, two of such meetings previous to July 1, and two subsequent to that date. Non-winners at Extra Meetings are barred.

Liberty Bay owned by Mr. L. Dunbar, has started only once before the races and is therefore ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions. Seventeenth of September, who has not won a race after annexing the Sub-Griffins' Champions at the Annual Meeting, is also ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins' Champions. These two ponies have robbed Mr. Leo Frost's chances of scoring 50 wins for the year 1935 as he requires three more to reach the half-a-century mark.

Mr. Leo Frost learned the art of riding when he was in Tientsin and his first appearance at the Valley was on October 14, 1929, when on the Zephyr finished third in the Jordan Handicap. The following is a complete riding analysis of the local champion since his first appearance in 1929 to date:

1929 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Unpd.

1930 29 17 9 49

1931 44 14 23 66

1932 57 33 26 70

1933 44 31 23 67

1934 12 7 2 28

1935 47 23 21 68

It will be remembered that in 1934 he was away on leave during the Extra Race Meetings and his best year was in 1932 when he won 57 races. It may not perhaps be known that Mr. Leo Frost had won almost every classic with the exception of the Hongkong Derby and the Footy-Hill Derby and no doubt he will not finish riding until his name figures in the honours lists of these two important events.

What is the matter with Mr. Frost? He has not registered a win after the recess, and one wonders if he will turn up to-morrow.

THE OPENING EVENTS

December & Dilatory Handicaps

The opening event, the December Handicap over a mile, has drawn 11 entries from the B, C, and D Classes and King's Fancy has been allotted top-weight 158 lbs. The mare is in good condition but I am afraid the distance is a bit too long. Her last outing was on October 12 when she won the Kwangsi Handicap over five furlongs beating her stable companion King's Beauty, together with Bright View, Mearns, Hettman, Soldier of Germany, Day View and The Tiger and to-morrow she has to concede a good weight of lead to Soldier of Germany, The Tiger and others.

At this time of year a Soldier of Germany was running against a better class of competitors and if he could reproduce the same form, he ought to be well up in the finish. The Tiger, Stakes is nicely in with 155 lbs. and is dangerous with Mr. Frost at the helm. Monoplane, by virtue of his win at Macao last Sunday is ineligible and I am very sorry for Dr. Lee Shiu-kee as this will be his last Meeting before proceeding to England. Harvest View has a good outside chance but we should not worry about High Speed and Soldier of China as they belong to another standard.

ABLE AMAZON TO BE BARRED?
At time of writing I have not heard whether Able Amazon will be barred from betting in the Queensland Autumn Champions, but being a classic event, I do not think the Stewards will exercise their power. Able Amazon, who has the classic race last year with Mr. Butler at the wheel and will annex it again with Mr. Frost. Able Amazon is too well known for any introduction and she will win the Queensland Champions by a mile. We should see a good fight between Bay Top, Cold Morning and Shooting Star for second and third places and I fancy the first two named ponies.

The Dilatory Handicap is confined to "D" class ponies over a mile to be ridden by novices, and the race is very open. Flybynight failed to strike his form at Macao last Sunday and it would interest one to know whether the trip across had anything to do with it. I was given to under-

stand that the sea was heavy on Saturday when Racing Kingpins. However, Flybynight (Mr. Cheung) has a pull of eight pounds when he ran second to Festival Eve in the Taiipo Handicap and should therefore be among the places. Mr. S. L. Yuen has been bound to enter Festival Eve and Mr. H. A. Botelho will take out Heart's Glory. These two ponies will give Flybynight a good run for their money. Glad Eyes is nearly at the top of the ladder with 166 lbs. and it is rumoured that he will not accept of Liberty Bay for not starting in the fine fettle but the distance is, I am afraid, beyond his endurance. Plain View (Mr. W. H. Choy) is dangerous, and so is Warrington with Mr. Ip.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

LIBERTY BAY TO ABSTAIN

FIVE STARTERS

The Hongkong Autumn Champions over 1 1/4 Miles will be the best race of the day and with the absence of Liberty Bay, the main event is, without question, very open. The failure of Liberty Bay for not starting in two races before the recess was not an oversight, but due to a sporting gesture on the part of Mr. Dunbar to give others a chance. This classic was first run in 1923 and as a matter of interest, I append below a list of the successful winners:

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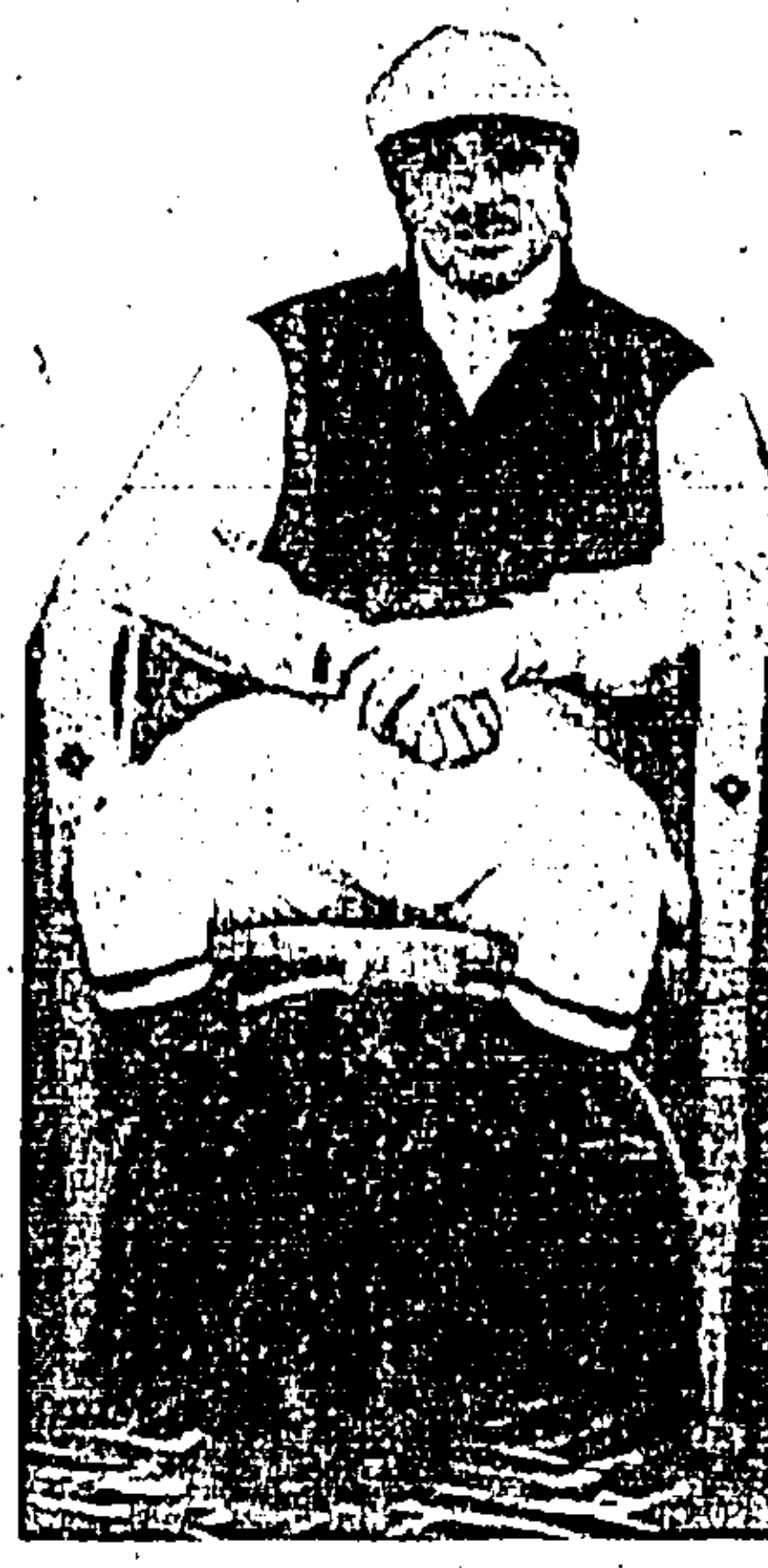
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The Doemster's Last Opportunity

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TWO CLOSING EVENTS

Racing Boy And Halcyon

The Tardy Handicap which is the second selected race of the Daily Double will draw the biggest field of the day for "C" Class Ponies. Being the last Meeting of the season, many good 'uns have been barred for this event and therefore it is not so easy as it looks in spotting the winner. Mayflower holds the post of honour with 108 lbs. and I heard that Mr. Roza has been asked to ride the pony.

It is rumoured that Mr. Tang Man-wa will steer Foxbridge and with jockey allowance, the mare should be dangerous.

Spinaway returned to his form in the Victoria Handicap at Macao last Sunday, and would have won if he hadn't been in. He is set to carry only 145 lbs. and Racing Boy and Royal Romance are also on the same level. I like Racing Boy. Valorous has been kindly treated and I expect to see him well in the fighting line at the finish. Zero is also well in with only 147 lbs. to shoulder but I am afraid that the distance is not to her liking. Lemberg is worth \$5.—each way. Night View and Pacific Hall are, in my estimation, moody animals and the best is to leave them alone.

FINALE HANDICAP

The Finale Handicap for Australian Ponies which have not won more than \$1,250 will be the last race of the season and both Saucy Face and Southern Cross are at the top of the ladder with 165 lbs. Atlas, who is set to carry 157 lbs., has a good chance in scoring his first win of the year and Alacritty is dangerous at 141 lbs. Lady Southern's Halcyon was given a smart sprint over six furlongs last Wednesday and he covered the distance in 1.25 finishing the last quarter in 28 seconds. With Mr. Proulx at the helm, Halcyon should be among the first three and I sincerely hope that her Ladyship will have the pleasure of leading in the pony first.



Able Amazon, may be barred from the heart in to-morrow's Queens-land Autumn Champions.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Army Eleven For Match Against Club

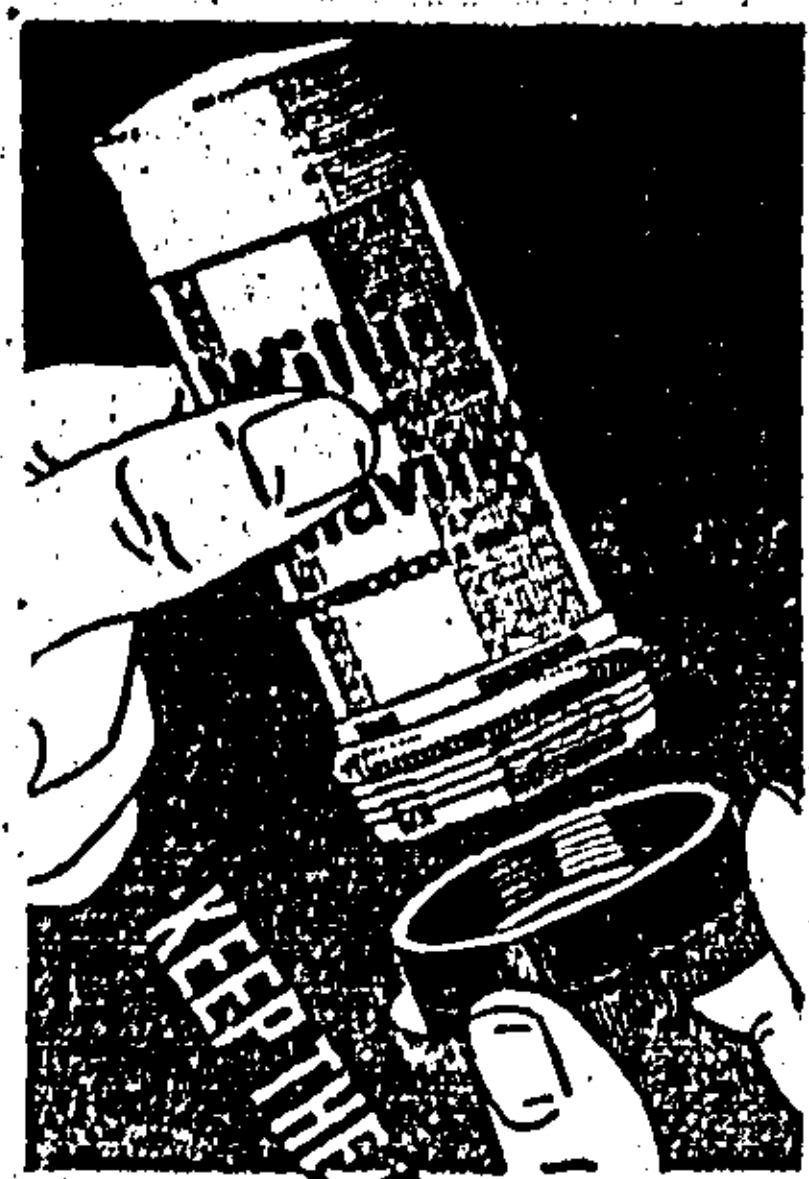
The Army and the Hongkong Cricket Club will be engaged in a League cricket match on the latter's ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m.

The following players have been selected to represent the Army:

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The scorer will be Corp. Poddley (R. A. M. C.) and the umpire Pte. Hignett (East Lancashire).

ing out round the bend, should be able to collect second place money. Sci-Fa does not appeal to my eyes as being in condition and Propitious Time should be in the walking hat. Beginner's Luck might face the start and the absurdity of lining him up is beyond my comprehension.



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Olympic Games Feuds Have Begun

Bickerings & Snarls ALWAYS HAPPENS

(By Trevor Wignall)

Will there ever be Olympic Games not surrounded by squabbles, disputed decisions and international bickerings?

The Games were revived in 1896 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin to encourage amity between nations, but almost all they have contrived to manufacture so far are misunderstandings and general snarls.

The next are due to be decided in Berlin next year, but for weeks past sections in the United States have been aflame with indignation at the very thought that Americans will compete.

The leader of the opposition is Mr. Jeremiah Mahoney, a former New York Supreme Court Justice, who is also president of the Amateur Athletic Union, which is one of thirty sporting bodies represented on the American Olympic Committee.

"NAZI INVITATION WITHOUT CORDIALITY"

His attitude is that Jews are not being given a fair chance to participate in the Berlin Games. This has been denied by those who wish America to be represented, but Mr. Mahoney's prompt reply was that the "Nazi invitation is a subterfuge without cordiality or real sportsman's spirit."

Mr. William B. Chamberlain, the secretary of another American organisation called the Committee on Fair Play in Sports, has advanced the opinion that the issue is not Jewish against Germany, but fair play.

There has been considerable controversy in American newspapers, one side claiming that the Games belong to athletes and not to politicians, and the other side answering that the Jewish race are, and have been, badly treated.

Whether America will eventually compete is still in doubt; but the point of most interest is that for thirty-five years there have been agitations.

WHEN AND WHY THEY SQUABBLED

In 1900 the French protested against opening the Games on Bastille

Day, while the Americans objected to being called on to run and jump on Sundays.

In 1904, at St. Louis, U.S.A., only four foreign countries competed.

In 1908, in London, there were a series of incidents, which resulted in a call for the Games to be discontinued. American and Swedish flags were omitted from the general scheme of decoration, Russia claimed that Finland should carry the Russian colours, Ireland was angered by the adding of its points to those of England, the American tug-of-war team withdrew because of the boots worn by the British side, and Italy was irritated when Pietro Dorando was disqualified in the marathon and the first place awarded to the American, Johnny Hayes.

In 1912, in Stockholm, there was tumult when Jim Thorpe, the American Indian, was disqualified after winning the pentathlon and the decathlon.

In 1920, at Antwerp, the U.S. team rebelled because they disliked the food supplied, and because they were sent to live in an empty schoolhouse.

In 1924, in Paris, there was a sensation when a Frenchman was accused of biting an Englishman.

In 1928 Amsterdam provided a series of dissensions. England withdrew its football team, the French refused to appear in the opening parade, and decisions of referees brought uproar.

In 1932 the Los Angeles Games were comparatively friendly, but even in the Californian town there were troubles, Finland being particularly annoyed when its greatest runner, Paavo Nurmi, was declared a professional.

QUARREL OVER 1940 GAMES BEGINS IN 1935

Even at this moment there are people in Italy and Japan who are quarrelling about whether the 1940 Olympics shall be held in Rome or Tokyo.

Germany is spending a lot of money in advertising the Berlin events, but there was one curious affair a week or so ago. I with other journalists, received a card of invitation to visit the German Embassy for the purpose of listening to a lecture on the Berlin Games by Dr. Theodor Lewald, the head of the German Olympic Committee.

A few days after the acceptance had been delivered another card was sent, this time to announce that owing to unavoidable circumstances Dr. Lewald was unable to attend on the date given, and that the lecture was postponed.

The Olympic Games seem fated to be the cause of rows and controversies.

SURPRISE DEFEAT

SERVICES HOCKEY TEAM BEATEN
LADIES' TOURNEY

In preparation for their forthcoming hockey match against the Civilian, the Combined Services held a practice at King's Park yesterday afternoon and met with a surprising defeat at the hands of the 2nd Mountain Battery, I.I.K.S.R.A., team by the score of three goals to one.

The score at the interval was 1-0 in favour of the Battery team. Charman Singh, Aya Singh and Lieut. P. de N. Ramus netted for the Battery, while Pte. Taylor scored the Combined Services' solitary point.

The game was featured by fast exchanges; but it was spoiled somewhat by too much whistling.

The Combined Services team was as follows:—Commander, Garwood; Commander, Broome and Lieut. Rolister; Dulla Singh, Lieut. J. P. Williams and Alf Din; Khuda Bux, Lieut. Wright, Lieut. Miers, Pte. Taylor and Lal Singh.

DIES MATCHES

Two further games in connection with the Ladies' Hockey Seven-a-Side tournament, the finals of which will be decided on Saturday, December 21, were played at King's Park yesterday afternoon and in both fixtures extra time was called.

The British Association "B" met and defeated the Central British School "B" team by two goals to one. All the goals were scored in extra time.

D. Hunt and E. Rousseau were responsible for the Association's goals, while P. Stringer netted for the School.

Outstanding for the winners was D. Moss, who played well in defence, while P. Stringer, M. McCaw and M. Fraser were the pick of the School team.

Y.M.C.A. LADIES WIN

The Y.M.C.A. Ladies "A" defeated the Club de Reccreio Ladies "A" by one goal to nil. The point was scored by S. Danziel in extra time, the score sheet being blank when full time was called.

CLUB SECONDS

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club seconds against the "Incognitos" on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-day:

Van der Waal; A. A. R. Botelho and R. H. D. Lane; A. Tate, E. G. Dale and K. E. Carter; H. R. A. Wood, L. D. Kilbey, P. H. Senior, A. J. Bennett and O. G. G. Allen.

PLAYER INJURED

D. MCLELLAN HURT DURING SCHOOL MATCH

D. McLellan, the well-known local sportsman, twisted his right ankle at King's Park yesterday afternoon while playing in a football match for the Central British School against the Y.M.C.A. Government School.

The final result was a draw of two goals each, the score at the interval being—Street played a good game for the C. B. S.

McLellan will be unable to participate in the Civilian's hockey trial on Sunday as a result of his injury.

Annual Report Of Hongkong Golf Club

The report to be submitted to the Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at the General Meeting to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Friday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m. is as follows:

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting the Accounts for the period 1st October, 1934, to 30th September, 1935.

During this period 42 full members joined the Club; 3 non-playing members, 89 subscribers, and 31 members of the Junior Section were also elected, the membership standing as follows on 1st October:

Honorary Members (2 absent) 4
Life Members (5 absent) 7
Club was played in October 1934 at Shanghai, and lost by eight points to one.

The Club Championship of 1934 was won by Mr. D. E. Rabb, Mr. A. McKeilne being the Runner-up.

Subscribers (present)—
Royal Navy..... 52
Army..... 40

Total (including 700 absent) £570

Lady Associates:—
Honorary & Life Members' Wives (2 absent) 4
Playing (302 absent) 724
Non-playing (43 absent) 146
Junior Section (0 absent) 30

(1 absent) Non-playing 2

Total (including 417 absent) 914

A match against the Shanghai Golf Club was played in October 1934 at Shanghai, and lost by eight points to one.

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Lighter Golf Ball Experiments

VEXED QUESTION RE-OPENED

Once again the question of the power of the golf ball is interesting the authorities, who several years ago appointed a special golf sub-committee of the Royal and Ancient Club to consider the matter.

Some members of the Rules of Golf Committee hold the opinion that the present-day ball travels too far, and an unofficial test with a ball the same size but lighter than those in general use was made in a match in London on December 8.

The ball, which had been specially constructed for the test, will travel about 30 yards shorter than the modern heavy ball, because of modification in the winding of the core.

The players taking part were the leading members of the Oxford and Cambridge golf teams and a side of well-known amateurs including R. H. de Montmorency and R. H. Wethered, members of the Rules of Golf Committee.

The match may revive discussion on the vexed question, which the golf ball sub-committee never settled, of "restoring the balance between the power of the ball and the length of the average golf course."

The official ball of the United States is larger than the British, but has never been generally popular in Britain.

The average golfer has no desire to sacrifice length, and in several trials, official and otherwise, with golf balls of lighter weight, or larger size, majority opinion has opposed drastic change.

It may be assumed, however, that if the members of the Rules of Golf Committee who took part in the experiment consider a lighter ball an advantage, they may introduce a ball of this kind for championship golf.

America tried a large ball 1.705 in. in diameter, but it proved so unpopular that at present they permit a ball similar limit in weight to the British ball, 1.620 oz., but 1.68 in. in diameter, against the British limit of 1.62 oz.

NEW L.B.W. RULE

EXPERIMENT BIG SUCCESS

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London, Nov. 20.

Declaring that the new leg-before-wicket experiment had been a great success, the County Cricket Advisory Committee at Lord's yesterday unanimously agreed to continue it for another year.

The rule states that the batsman is out if any part of him (except his hands) intercepts a ball which, in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket, was pitched in a straight line from the bowler's wicket to the batsman's wicket, or pitched on the off side of the wicket and would have hit it.

TEST PROFITS DOUBLED

The India touring team will be asked to accept this ruling.

At the Board of Control meeting a profit of £16,083 on the Test with South Africa last summer, was declared.

This compares with £7,546 during the tour of 1929.

The first-class counties receive £554 each, and those on whose grounds Test were played, £341. The Minor Counties are allotted £87 each.

The committee arranged 1937 Tests with New Zealand: Lords, June 26, 28 and 29; Manchester, July 24, 26 and 27; Oval, August 14, 16, 17.

FOUR DAYS FOR LAST MATCH

As in the case of the India team's tour, four days will be allotted to the last New Zealand test if the rubber depends on it.

As the M.C.C. team for Australia sails on September 12 next, the annual match, Champion County v. Rest of England, at the Oval, is to be suspended.

A Test trial (North v. South) will be played at Lord's on June 15, 16.

TRAINING TIMES

THIS MORNING'S GALLOPS AT HAPPY VALLEY

Derby Day	Distance	1st.	2nd.	Last
Southern Cross	1/2	28.2	55.2	27
Warrington	1/2	28.2	55.2	27
King's Justice	1/2	30.4	1.03	33.4
Night Star	1/2	37	1.00.1	29.1
Snowy River	1/2	28.2	57	28.3
Festival Eve	1/2	28.3	56	27.2
Wemby Stag	1/2	33.1	1.06.3	33.2
Vixen Tor	1/2	33.1	1.06.3	33.2
Harvest View	1/2	37.2	1.02.4	28.3
Fly-by-Night	1/2	31	1.01.1	30.1
King's Warden	1/2	34	1.05.1	31.1
Able Amazon	1/2	33.2	1.02	28.3
Philanderer	1/2	28.3	56.8	28
Bright Star	1/2	32.1	1.04.4	32.1
Soldier of China	1/2	31.4	1.04.4	33
Plains View	1/2	35.1	1.04.4	29.3
Hickory	1/2	32	50.4	27.4
Aincerity	1/2	29.1	56.2	29.1
Night View	1/2	30.3	56.2	25.4
Wadebridge	1/2	34	1.04.3	30.3
Foxbridge	1/2	35	1.05.2	30.2
Cold Morning	1/2	34.2	1.04.3	30.1
Belmont Star	1/2	29.1	56.4	20
Mayflower	1/2	34.4	1.06	31.1
Racing Boy	1/2	30.4	1.03.2	32.3
Valley View	1/2	31.2	1.06.4	31.2
King's Fancy	1/2	33.4	1.07.2	32
Flying Tourist	1/2	35.1	1.07.2	32.1
Valorous	1/2	29.2	58.3	29.1
Gold Bullion	1/2	35.3	1.08	32.2
Limelight	1/2	30.2	1.01.4	31.2
Beginner's Luck	1/2	32.2	1.08.4	33.1
Forgemaster	1/2	34.2	1.07.4	33
The Tiger	1/2	34.2	1.07.4	33
Partnership	1/2	32	1.04	32
Soldier of Peace	1/2	34.1	1.05.1	31
Emergency Call	1/2	34.3	1.06.2	31.4
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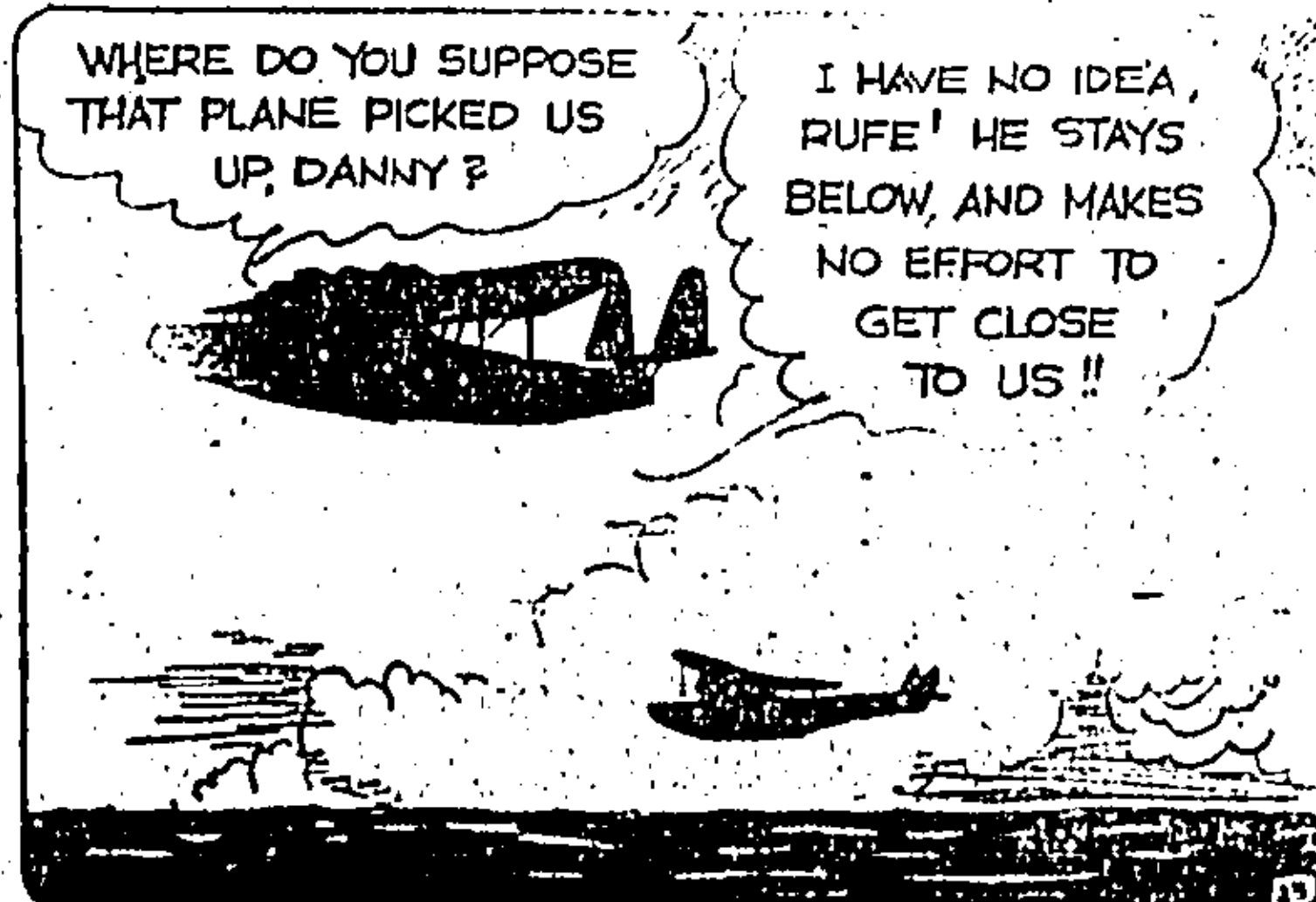
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SERIAL STORY

BARGAIN BRIDIE

by KATHARINE HAVILAND-TAYLOR



"I wish I could take you back with me, Jerry," said Barrett.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

BARRETT COLVIN, 36, returns to New York after four years' absence. He is rich and has made a name for himself as an archaeologist. The first to greet him is his half-sister, MARCIA RADNOR, younger, selfish and spoiled. Marcia is happily married now. Years before Barrett abdicated her when a youthful flirtation ended disastrously. Marcia had a son whom Barrett adopted. She is worried because the boy's tutor has threatened her with blackmail and declares her husband will never forgive her if he learns the truth. Barrett agrees to deal with the tutor, HARRY DEXTER.

As Marcia is leaving she sees ELLINOR STAFFORD across the street and offers to drive her home. Ellinor, 25, has been calling on her wealthy aunt, MISS ELIA SEXTON. All Miss Sexton's relatives (with the exception of Ellinor) are eagerly awaiting her death, hoping to inherit a share of the Sexton fortune.

Marcia and Ellinor depart. The girl, instead of going home, goes to visit her cousin, PHILIP SEXTON, and loans him \$20. Philip has been disowned by his aunt. Ellinor is the only one of the family who remains friendly with him.

CHAPTER IV

Two days later Barrett Colvin, in Connecticut, stepped into his low roadster. His ward, who at nine years was beginning to stretch to the famed Colvin height, stood near by, looking at Barrett with a keen eye. "Wish you could stay longer," he said. Then, with an effort, he forced a smile, adding, "It was nice of you to come. 'I'm glad you came!'" Barrett leaned from the car to take the boy's hand. "I'm coming back!" he promised, "and we're going to have some good times!"

He was tremendously attracted to Gerald who was clever without being too serious, who was, in short, the reassuringly normal, healthy-minded fabric for a man. Gerald would turn out well, Barrett knew, if he had his chance; and Barrett's visit had strengthened the intensity of Barrett's vow to give Gerald that chance.

"It was fine of you to come," Mr. Barrett, and to send me all those cards when you were away. I'd pretty nearly forgotten what you looked like. You see it was a long time ago that you went away."

"That's true," Barrett agreed, contently.

"Are you going to stay here a while now?" the boy asked. He tried, without success, to make his question casual.

"I will, I promise, Gerald, until it's easy for you to let me go."

"Gee whiz, I don't see how you can ever go then!" Jerry commented, smiling.

"We all freeze that way," Barrett thought. He tightened his hand on the boy's. "Nice youngster! Deserving of everything square and good! Odd how it made you feel to see family traits intensify.... rather melted a heart and made you humble made you want to make up for the things you hadn't had, to be certain there would be no gaps in the unfolding life."

"I wish I could take you back with me, Jerry," said Barrett without knowing that he had meant to say it. "Gee whiz, wouldn't that be great!" Gerald answered. His eyes brightened.

"I will—some day!" Barrett stated, and his chin squared. "And I keep my word," he thought, looking down on Jerry: "I wonder whether you know that?"

answered by a full dinner plate and who would see to it that he was fed in all ways.

Marcia had been a criminal—and so had Barrett himself! But he had felt that his success might be made by a trip to the Gobi and in that belief time had proved him right. He hated rich men's idle sons, he could not be one. Archaeology was not his hobby but his work and a work to which he devoted his entire energy.

It was absurd, he realized, to reproach himself with the fact that he had not stayed at home to play nursemaid to his sister's child. Yet he had known his sister, and his compunction persisted.

Marcia had promised that through old Annie, a maid who knew of the affair, she would watch over the boy. So far as Barrett could discover Annie had not made even one trip to Mrs. Cooke's farm house. He felt increasing resentment, reminding himself that he was a fool to have placed the slightest trust in any of Marcia's easy promises.

If he reproached her for not making futile motions Marcia would probably murmur, "But I thought, Barry—I really thought Annie had gone. I told her to go—I'm certain, dear!" And, this mirror-made, she would be done with the matter. Barrett shook his head. There was no understanding how anyone could shake responsibility as Marcia did.

The boy was appealing too. Engagingly unspoiled, obviously a truth-teller and softened so easily by kindness. It was all too evident that kind nesses were not common for him.

"Damn!" said Barrett, half-aloud but feelingly. He could not remember being more ashamed and irritated. Shamed at having had part in an arrangement so patently unsatisfactory and irritated by Marcia's running true, as she always did, to her selfish type.

"Civilization? The devil with it! Allowing such things to be hidden, making them things to hide! Barrett was weary of lies, evasions, unfairness. It was all too evident that kind nesses were not common for him.

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Ahead in a hollow which was severed by the twisting, silvered macadam, road was a wood where modest oaks, clinging tenaciously to summer garb, made brown patches in the gray of blended boughs and tree trunks.

Yes, it was good to be alive and to have a go at the old world in spite of everything, Barrett decided. Suddenly again he saw Ellinor Stafford's young face raised to his. The vision disconcerted him. He had never had the least use for "old fools hovering around spring flowers"—men with thinned locks, thick waist lines and shortened breath who danced attendance on pretty young girls.

It was true that he was not in that class physically. He had kept remarkably fit. A man can not wield a pick under a desert sun without some return in hardness! Still he was 36 years old and Ellinor Stafford had not been more than 20 at the most, he decided—perhaps for the fiftieth time.

He tried to visualize her as she had looked four years ago but the new vision covered and dimmed the old. He remembered suddenly that Ellinor's mother had been called at that time the most beautiful woman in New York and that everyone, seeing her with her daughter, had wondered at the daughter's lack of grace, of

arresting loveliness or languid, wistful appeal.

When Barrett reached home he found Higgins waiting with several messages. Mrs. Radnor had telephoned and asked Mr. Barrett to telephone her between six and seven. A young gentleman named Dexter had called. He had not been willing to explain his mission to Higgins but had promised to call another time. Barrett's square chin became dangerously set. He did not know what Gerald's cravable tutor, Dexter, could want of him but he knew exactly what he wanted from Dexter if he intruded—or tried to intrude. Barrett would enjoy the solace of pitching him out and he had not seen the man he could not deal with in this way if he wished to.

Higgins waited. Quite obviously he had something else to say.

"Well?" Barrett prompted a little shortly. He had been put out by Dexter's daring to call. The matter was closed; he had dismissed Dexter. "Miss Elia Sexton sent you a note at noon, sir," Higgins said. "I went over to tell her you were gone from town and she sent back word through Craven that she would like you to read her note as soon as you returned."

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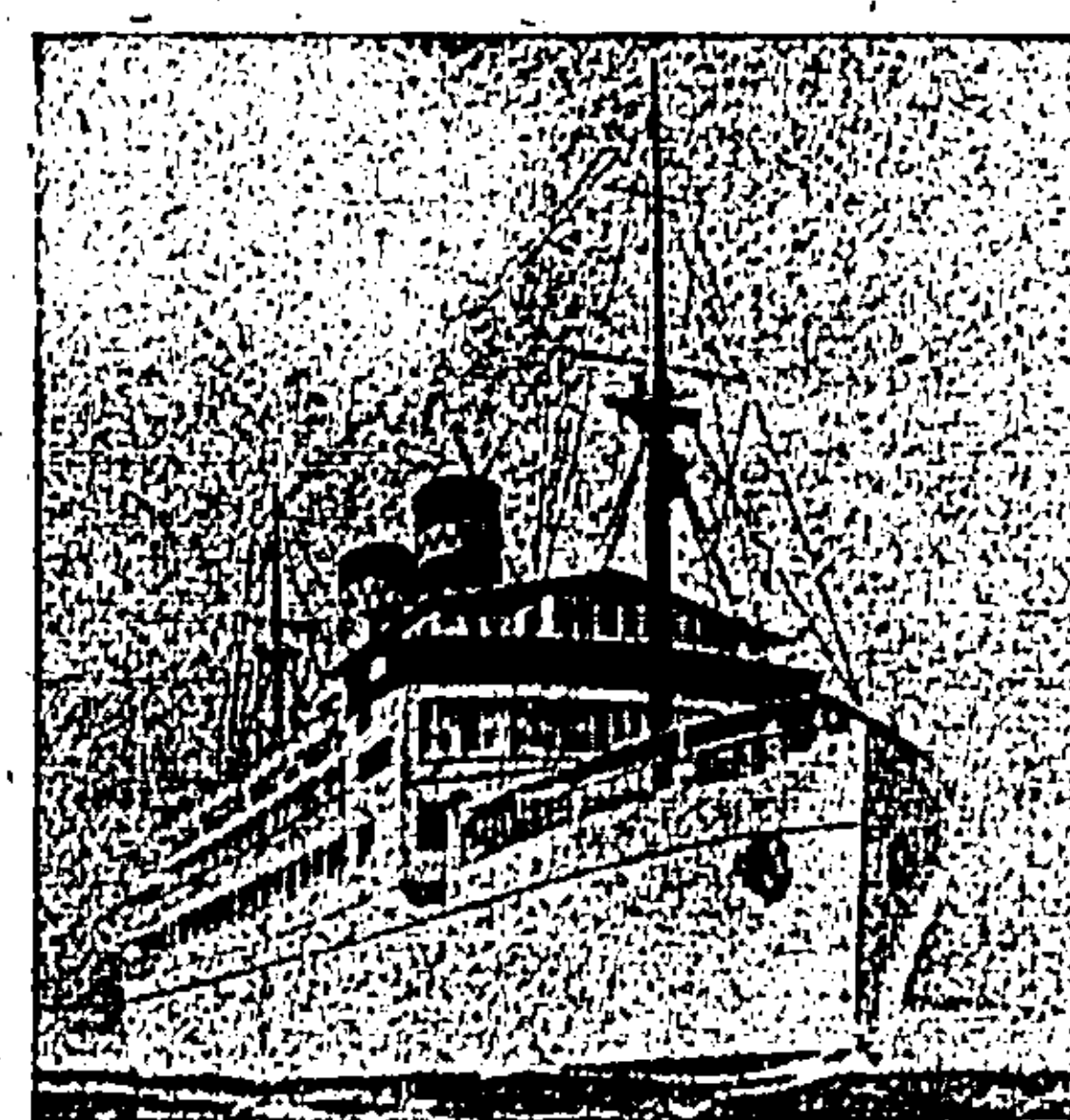
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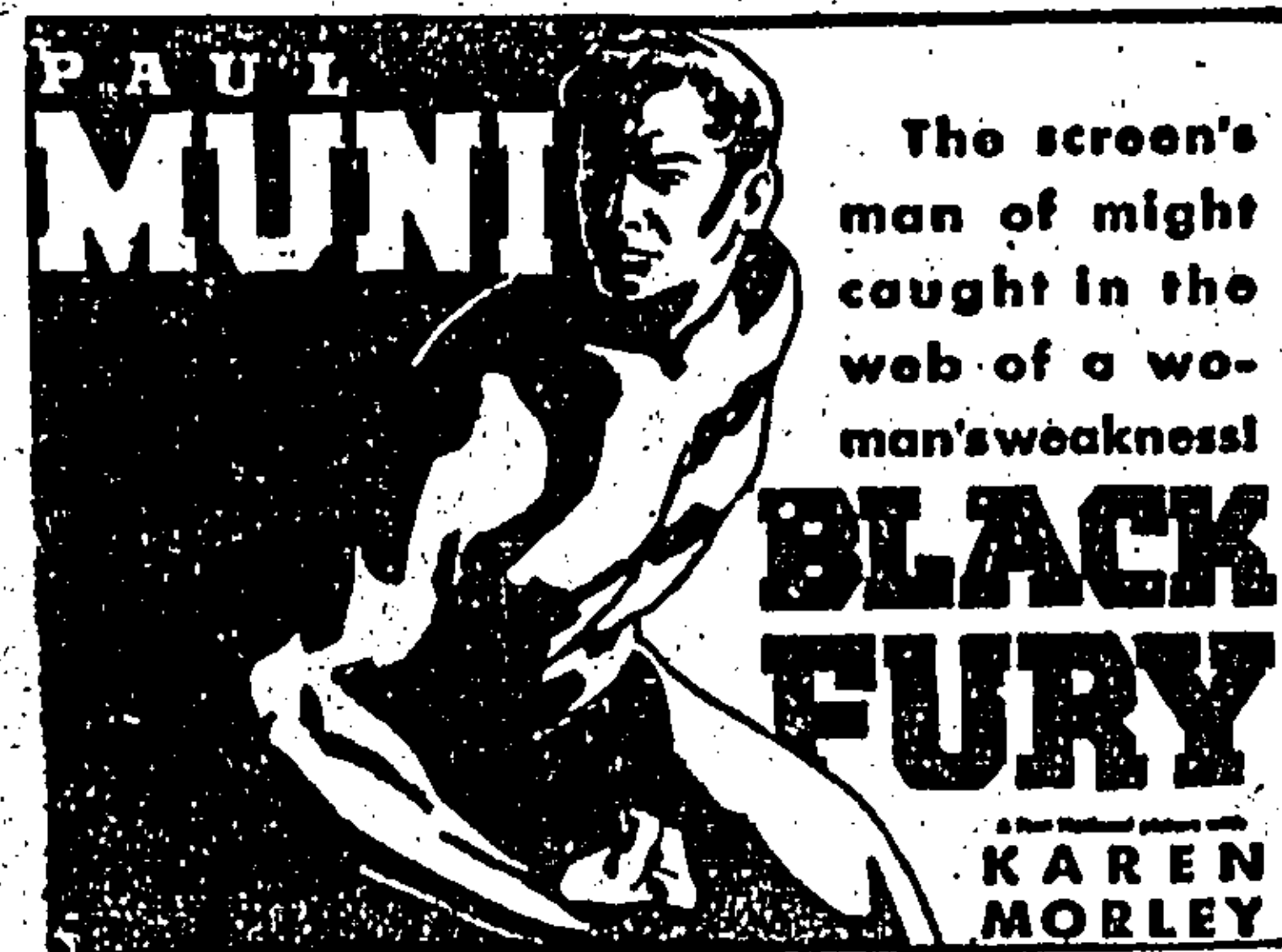
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COMMONS TO DEBATE PEACE PLAN

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It had been suggested in some places that the new Anglo-French peace plans would first be considered by the Committee of Five, but it was appreciated that the voices of the smaller powers could not be heard in that committee and that a prejudice might be created one way or another by its vote.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Minister of League Affairs, who is his country's spokesman at Geneva, declared that the peace proposals made by Britain and France at Paris were neither definite nor sacrosanct. They were suggestions, said Mr. Eden, which their sponsors had hoped would make possible the beginning of peace negotiations for their improvement he cordially welcomed, he asserted.

He suggested that the League Council be summoned at the earliest possible moment to hear a full statement of the peace terms and to determine what course it wishes to pursue in the light of the situation thus created.

M. Pierre Laval, the French Prime Minister, supported Mr. Eden's attitude. The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow when it will discuss reports on the working of sanctions.—*Reuter.*

COUNCIL SUMMONED

Geneva, Dec. 12.—The Council of the League of Nations has been convened for December 19, when it will discuss the Anglo-French peace plans.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-FRENCH VIEWS

London, Dec. 12.—When the League's Committee of Eighteen met at Geneva this afternoon, statements regarding the situation arising from the Paris conversations were made by the French Premier, M. Laval, and Mr. Anthony Eden, acting Foreign Secretary. M. Laval said the task of the French and British Governments would then be done. It would be for the League itself to decide the next move. He hoped the committee would recognise the loyalty of the effort which his Government, with the British Government, had made.

Mr. Eden recalled the Committee at its last meeting had approved the attempt to find a basis of discussion between Italy and Ethiopia, and said: "What therefore, the representatives of the United Kingdom and the French Governments have been seeking to do in Paris was to work out proposals that might be submitted to both sides, and upon which both sides might be willing to come together to open discussions here in Geneva."

NOT SACROSANCT

"The proposals now put forward are, neither definite nor sacrosanct. They are suggestions which, it is hoped, will make possible a beginning of negotiations. If the League does not agree with these suggestions, we shall make no complaint—indeed, we should cordially welcome any suggestions for their improvement." Mr. Eden said that the Government remains to-day what it has been since the dispute began. It is that the settlement must be acceptable to the League as well as to the two parties in the conflict. In these circumstances, it seems to him that the best procedure is to follow at the present time is to call together the Council at the earliest practicable moment in order that a full statement of the proposals should be made to it. "It will be for that body to determine, as and when it sees fit, what course it would wish to pursue in the light of the situation thus created, and in advance of any measures of a political character until the Council had met and pronounced upon the situation."

The Polish delegate then declared that the Paris proposals had created an entirely new situation, and he urged that the Committee should abstain from any measures of a political character until the Council had met and pronounced upon the situation.

The committee appeared to agree with the Polish view and adjourned till Saturday, when it will consider the report of the experts on the working of sanctions.

TWO COURSES

Geneva messengers state that the League Council will probably meet on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Meantime, the formulae drafted in Paris will be communicated to the Council members.

According to press telegrams, it is thought in Geneva that two courses will be open to the Council when the Italian and Ethiopian views on the Paris proposals have been received. The suggested alternatives are that if both parties find them unacceptable, the proposals should be dropped, or, if they are not accepted in the present form by either party, they should be revised and re-submitted.

Meantime, the Committee of Eighteen will proceed with the examination of the working of sanctions and the technical study of proposals before it for an extension of economic measures.—*British Wireless.*

LITTLE HOPE

Geneva, Dec. 12.—There is much comment and speculation over the remark of Mr. Anthony Eden, the British spokesman, made before the Committee of Eighteen to-day. "We shall make no complaints if the League does not agree to these suggestions," he was speaking of the Anglo-French peace plan.

An inquiry indicated that the proposals have very little chance of adoption by the League.

The report of the Committee of ex-

Filipinos' Future

AMERICA DELAYS VERDICT

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 12.—Mr. Roy Howard's despatch regarding the future of the Philippine Islands continues to arouse profound interest, but the general tendency is to await the return of the Congressional mission and to see whether they share the same view as Mr. Howard before concrete political moves are made.

Some of the Insular authorities said the reaction indicates serious political opposition and broad revision of the Tydings-McDuffie Act, to which Filipinos' best approach would be a step-by-step modification in conformity with circumstances as they arise.

It is said that the quota provisions are the logical first point of attack.

SEEK TO SETTLE MINE DISPUTE

Increased Revenues May Give Solution

London, Dec. 12.—An important development in the coal mine crisis is expected and may make it possible to avoid a disastrous strike.

The Mines Department has announced that the coalowners have informed Captain Crookshank, Secretary of Mines, that they have invited the Miners' Federation to meet them.

The owners are considering the position in the light of the progress which has been made towards securing such increased revenue as will allow an advance in wages to be made, and the meeting has been arranged for Tuesday next.—*Reuter Special.*

Inasmuch as a Philippines-American commercial parity next year is already indicated. Thereafter, the Filipinos should seek to loosen the financial provisions and then payments, in view of the fact that the present terms are more drastic than those imposed against European defaulting nations.

In the meantime, defence policies assuring reasonable security for the islands could be formulated in Manila, in co-operation with Major-General McArthur, whose findings would have much weight with Congress.

In the opinion of Insular authorities, Mr. Howard's extremely frank exposition of the situation has promoted a better understanding, but politicians generally prefer to await the definite position of the Filipino leaders before precipitating a general issue on policy.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE COMMENT

The Yomiuri, in the course of an editorial, says Mr. Roy Howard's statement that the Philippines may turn to Britain for assistance in the event of America not being interested in retaining the islands, is "astonishingly irresponsible, especially when it is considered that twenty-seven American newspapers gave it prominence."—*United Press.*

LEITH-ROSS MAY VISIT H.K.

POSSIBLY AT END OF MONTH

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—Sir Frederick Leith-Ross's secretary, who returned here from Peking yesterday, stated, when interviewed by *Reuter*, that it was uncertain whether Sir Frederick was going to Hongkong.

He added, however, that such a visit might possibly be made at the end of December.—*Reuter.*

CO ORDINATION

London, Dec. 12.—In Parliament today the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said co-ordination measures to be taken under Article 16 of the League Covenant in connection with the dispute between Italy and Ethiopia were undertaken by a Committee composed of all members of the League, except Italy and Ethiopia.

All members of this Committee have concurred in the application of measures so far decided upon, with the exception of Austria, Hungary, Albania and Paraguay. The Governments of the first of these three countries have stated they are unable to participate in the measure in question, while the Paraguayan Government has stated it does not deem it desirable for the present to consider a resolution concerning them.

Of the non-member states, Egypt has signified her adherence to the measures of the Co-ordination Committee.—*British Wireless.*

DEADLOCK AT NAVAL MEETING

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fronted with an agreement already reached by the three major powers. With regard to qualitative limitation, the French prefer a system of communicating particulars of each vessel before it is laid down. It is thus felt that the element of surprise, which the French regard as one of the chief factors in an armament race, would be eliminated.

French circles are ignorant of the report that M. Pietri, French Minister of Marine, is coming to London.—*Reuter.*

FRIENDLY DISCUSSION

London, Dec. 12.—The discussion of the proposals from the Japanese delegation for a common upper limit of naval tonnage was continued at the Naval Conference to-day.

Statements were made by the delegates of the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Great Britain, and South Africa, expressing their views on the explanations given by the Japanese delegate in regard to Japan's proposals. The Japanese delegate will reply to-morrow to the observations made by other delegates. It is stated that the discussions are proceeding in a most friendly way.—*British Wireless.*

JAPAN'S REGRETS

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—According to the Yomiuri Shinbun the Japanese Navy Office authorities have commented on the "most regrettable" decision of British, American and other delegates to stick to the naval ratio principle and not to listen to the Japanese plea for a fair, fundamental disarmament formula.

"We expect the time to come when they will surely recognise the sincerity of our disarmament formula, based on non-menace and non-aggression for the future. The London Naval Conference faces a difficulty, but we are not necessarily abandoning hope."—*Reuter.*

SILVER POLICY EXPLAINED

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amounted to eighteen per cent. of the total offers, compared to seven and a half per cent. the day previous. The U.S. Treasury to-day implied, contrary to its usual custom, that brokers submitting selling orders should do so individually.

The statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau enlivened a long and dreary session and created a good impression all around. It is pointed out that the principle of the matter is that America is prepared to continue purchases, thus assuring healthy condition in the international silver market. Furthermore, it is pointed out that the amount of silver contracts falling due is tending to decrease, thereby making for the alleviation of the spot situation.—*Reuter.*

CHAOTIC MARKET

London, Dec. 12.—The silver market was again in a chaotic condition and sellers had to be rationed—each seller being informed that only 18 per cent. of his requirements would be disposed of. Forward offerings were ignored altogether, and the market was weak, the price for bar being five-eighths lower at 25½.—*British Wireless.*

NEW GOVERNOR

OFFICIAL CALLS MADE

In connection with the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, official calls were made at Government House this morning by His Excellency the C-in-C, Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, His Excellency the G.O.C., Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, and Commodore C. G. Sedgwick. Subsequently His Excellency the Governor paid return calls on His Excellency the C-in-C, on board H.M.S. Falmouth where a detachment from H.M.S. Kent formed the Guard of Honour; on His Excellency the G.O.C. at Flagstaff House where the 1st Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment, provided the Guard of Honour; and on the Commodore on board H.M.S. Tamar where the Guard of Honour was provided by the Royal Marines.

GENERAL MURDERED

Harbin, Dec. 13.—A Russian émigré General Tyrbah, a naturalised British subject and right-hand-man of the Ataman Semenov, was murdered on November 19 by a Red Russian, named Hamec, who has been arrested. The murder was committed for political motives, it is alleged.—*Reuter.*

BANDITS THREATENING

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—The Navy Department has been informed that the Japanese squadron in Chinese waters has sent a destroyer to the village of Kuangchi, in the Upper Yangtze River, which is said to be surrounded by bandits.—*United Press.*

CLOUDY WEATHER

The anticyclone has attained abnormal intensity and covers the continent from Indo-China to North America and extends eastward to the Bonins. Pressure is highest to the north of the Lower Yangtze Valley. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

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